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YESTERDAY MORNING THE KHAKI-CLAD COLUMNS OF BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE WERE MOVING WITH SMOOTH EFFICIENCY TOWARDS THE EAST AND THE BELGIAN BORDER.

GAMELIN'S ORDER OF THE DAY

Paris, To-day.

General Gamelin has issued the following Order of the Day to his troops:—

"The attack which we have foreseen since last October was launched this morning. Germany is engaging in a war to the death against us.

"The password for France and her Allies is this:—

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FRENCH QUICKLY OFF MARK

Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud, broadcasting last night, said:

"French troops crossed the frontier into Belgium between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. to-day.

He added: "Hitler has dropped the mask. Now it is France's turn to show the way with her troops and planes.

"Everyone is ready to do his duty. France has drawn her sword." — Reuter.

SWEDISH CABINET IN LONG SESSION

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Cabinet held a very long session early yesterday morning. — Reuter.

Crowds of civilians greeted the troops with evident joy, pelting them with flowers and running alongside the troop-laden lorries offering the men bottles of beer.

As they moved off the men waved heartily to the French people, who turned up their thumbs to indicate that all is well with the British Army.

MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, To-day.

The Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff and the more important members of the Cabinet met President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday.

It is believed they discussed measures to ensure American non-involvement in the European war.

Most of the Cabinet members arrived showing signs of a sleepless night.

Little work was being done in Washington yesterday morning. Crowds gathered round every loud-speaker to hear the latest war bulletins.

Officials are keeping a close watch on events in the Far East, especially the Netherlands East Indies.

President Roosevelt is being praised in many quarters for his decision to retain the Fleet at Hawaii, a decision for which he was personally responsible. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The Dutch Minister, in a statement to Reuter, declared: "By invading my country Germany has outdone herself as a civilised nation.

"The American people is intelligent enough to draw their own conclusions and will not be taken in by the usual German lies and these cowardly means of warfare." — Reuter.

New York, To-day.

President Roosevelt's order "freezing" Belgium and Holland's assets in the United States, which order means that the Germans cannot get at them, affected over 200,000,000. Most of Holland's gold was already in the United States and the rest had been sent France. — Reuter.

HITLER PREPARES TO BOMB CIVILIANS

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially stated that 24 civilians were killed during an attack by Allied aircraft on "the open town of Freiburg."

"The German air force will now answer back in like manner. Any further systematic enemy raid on the German population will be returned by a fivefold number of German planes on British or French towns." — Reuter.

Civilian Centres In France Bombed

Paris, To-day.

Numerous casualties resulted from yesterday's Nazi air raids over various parts of the country, particularly north and north-east France and the Loire and Champagne districts, but material damage was relatively small.

Bombs were dropped not only on aerodromes, railway stations, workshops and mines but on purely civilian centres.

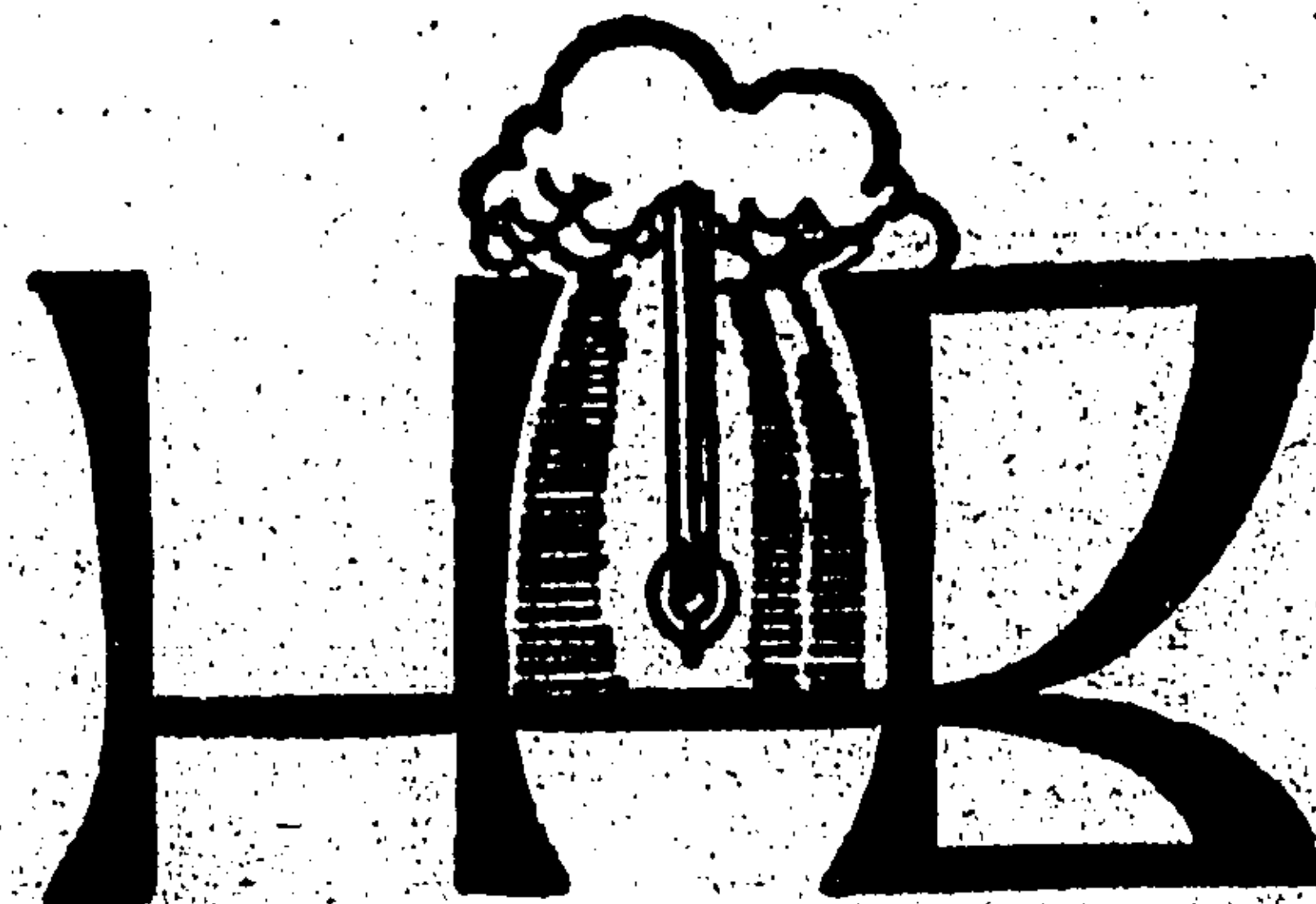
Among the places attacked were Bethune, Choques, Lene, Dunkirk, Nancy, Hazebrouck, Calais, Abbeville and Albert. — Reuter.

INSURANCE RATES DOUBLED

London, To-day.

London underwriters have doubled the existing insurance rates of ships sailing to Belgium and Holland. For ships sailing through the Mediterranean or the Black Sea, the rate is increased 100 per cent from 60 per cent. — Reuter.

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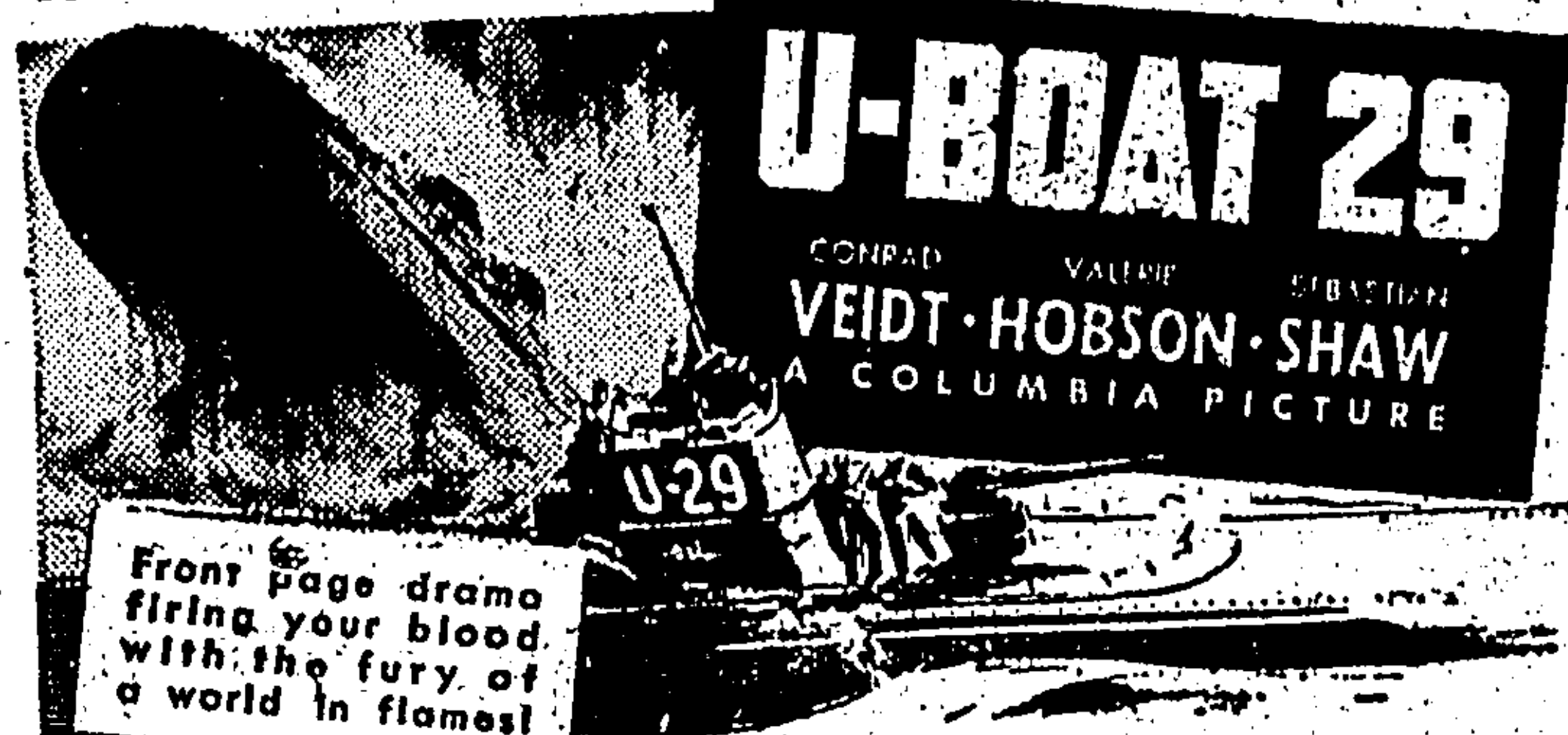
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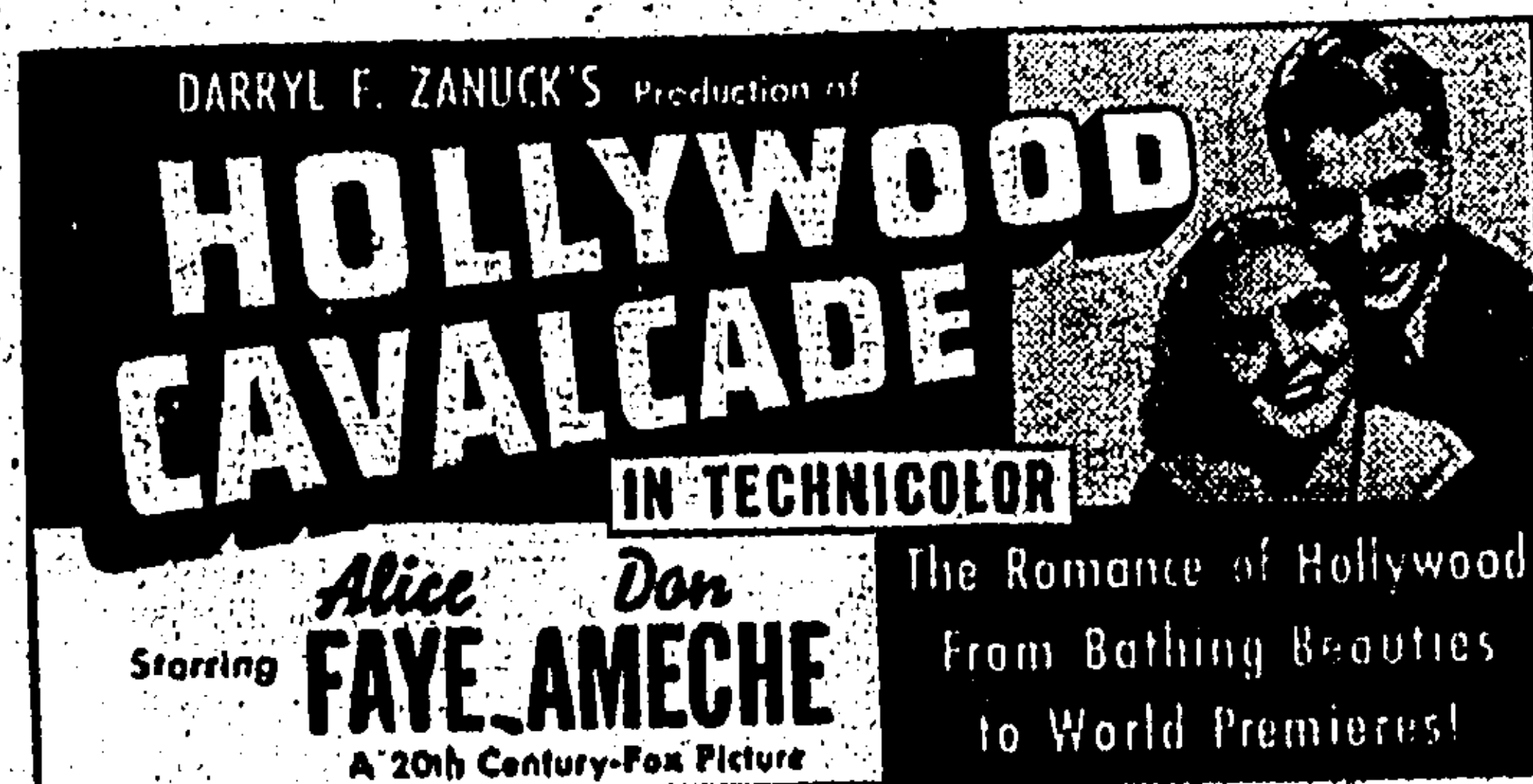


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NEW PROBE OF ALIENS IN BRITAIN

Aliens at liberty in Britain are to be re-examined to make sure that no enemy agents are masquerading as harmless refugees.

The Home Office announced that twelve regional committees will be set up, and all Germans and Austrians not now interned will appear before one of these committees.

BAN ON ENTRY

In addition, the Home Secretary now takes power to prohibit any alien entering protected areas near important naval ports.

These protected areas are:

The Humber Area.

The Harwich Area, consisting of parts of Suffolk and Essex.

The Medway, Thames and Dover Area, consisting of the country of Kent and parts of Essex, adjoining the Thames estuary.

The Portsmouth Area, consisting of the Isle of Wight, parts of the counties of Southampton and Sussex, including Portsmouth and Southampton and areas adjoining those ports.

The Plymouth Area, consisting of parts of Cornwall and Devon around the ports of Plymouth.

The North of Scotland Area.

The Orkney and Shetland Area, The Firth of Forth Area.

The police have been ordered to report on any alien, of whatever nationality living in a protected area.

Such aliens will appear before the district committee, which will decide if he can remain.

From now on, German and Austrian aliens will have to show reason why they should not be interned.

In protected areas the policy of the Government is not that every alien should be required to leave, but that the case of every alien resident there should be carefully examined.

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The twelve committees will consist of a legally trained chairman and lay members. The twelve chairmen are:

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VILLAGE SET THE FASHION

The latest fashion among native women around Johannesburg, South Africa, is bright pink bonnets. They take as much pride in them as an English woman in her latest creation from an exclusive fashion house.

But there is this difference—the pink bonnets are created not in Paris or London, but in Staithes, tiny Yorkshire fishing village.

SENT SOME HOME

A South African visitor saw fishergirls in them and was so impressed that he sent some home. The native women were so delighted that more bonnets had to be sent to stop them from quarrelling.

No one in Staithes has been making the Staithes fishing bonnets longer than Miss Margaret Ellis, of High-street. Her mother and grandmother, too, made Staithes bonnets, which are similar in shape to a poke bonnet without the large brim.

Lilac was once the favourite shade, but now the fashion is for a variety of bright colours.

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CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF DAY'S DRAMATIC EVENTS (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE chronological order of events in Belgium and Holland yesterday. First the Brussels radio calmly reported that bomb attacks had been launched on the city.

At 5.20 Nazi planes appeared over Brussels and were fired on.

At 5.30 a.m. a large number of planes were seen over The Hague and the Dutch A.A. defence went into action.

At 6 a.m. the first Nazi parachute troops were found in several localities in the heart of Belgium between Nivelles and Strond.

At 8 a.m. the radio broadcast orders to all citizens of military age to rejoin their units immediately.

After receiving the Nazi Note, King Leopold granted an audience to the Premier and Foreign Minister.

The Premier later told the press that Belgium had been attacked and that in reply to a request for aid, the Allies were doing all they could.

STRICT ACTION

Very strict action has been taken all over the country to prevent German action from the inside. All Germans residing in Brussels have been arrested.

King Leopold, like his father before him in 1914, has taken command of the armed forces.—Havas.

First News Of Crisis

Amsterdam, To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent says that the first news of the crisis came half an hour after midnight yesterday when it became known that telegraph as well telephone communications had been interrupted.

At 2.45 a.m., residents were awakened by heavy anti-aircraft fire. Looking from windows, people saw a single German bomber flying high, brilliantly illuminated by a dozen of searchlights. Shells flashed round it but it disappeared out of range. Afterwards shooting continued all night.

From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. there were continual salvos as German bombers flew over the city in groups of three, five, ten or more.

At one time fire was drowned by heavy explosions.

It was stated that the Schiphol Aerodrome was being blown up. Now and then there was a roar as a Dutch fighter zoomed up to keep German planes from the centre of the city.

Good Information

Soon after dawn the radio announced that a series of landings by German parachutists, and the whereabouts of various German bomber formations, showing that the information organisation was working most efficiently.

News from Belgium that Holland had appealed to the Allies and that the Dutch had given the invaders a determined answer caused the atmosphere to change miraculously.

The British and French shook hands with the Dutchmen they met in the streets.

The coolness of the People is astonishing.

The usual flood of cyclists streamed the roads going to work as usual, only pausing to by special editions of newspapers.—Reuter.

Land Attack At 3 a.m.

London, To-day.

The Nazi attack on the Lowlands was launched on the land frontier at about 3 a.m. At the same time, German planes carried out attacks on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes and on Allied aerodromes in France.

Among the places attacked are Brussels and Amsterdam. Bombs were dropped on the towns themselves, causing some casualties. In the raids on aerodromes in France, there were some casualties at Lyons and Nancy.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES AND THE WAR: NO CHANGE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday told pressmen he saw no change "with respect to the possibilities of the United States keeping out of the war."
— Reuter.

ATTACK FIRST: ULTIMATUM AFTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

It was only after the Nazis had actually attacked Belgium that the German Ambassador handed the Belgian Foreign Minister an ultimatum declaring Germany was "compelled to secure by arms the neutrality of the Low Countries because these countries were ready to allow the passage of Allied troops."

M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, protested against this second violation in 25 years of Belgian neutrality, and said the present case was worse than that of 1914.

M. Spaak told the Nazi envoy Belgium would resist with all means in her power.—Havas.

U.S. TO BUILD MORE "FLYING FORTRESSES"

Washington, To-day.

Owing to what is considered the impressive showing of air power in Norway, the United States Air Department intends to seek a special grant of 500 new four-engined "Flying Fortresses" costing £80,000 each, according to the "New York Times."
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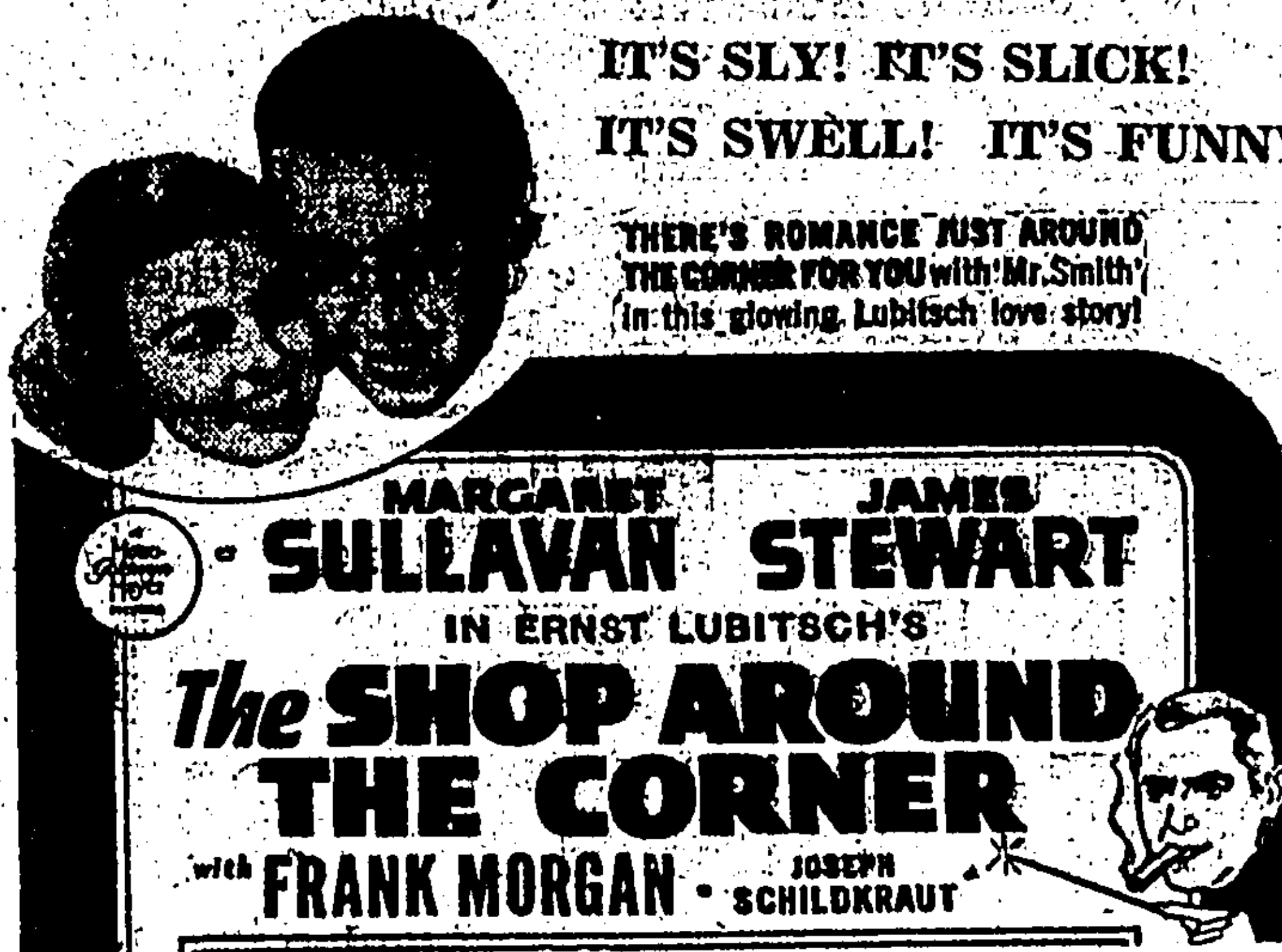
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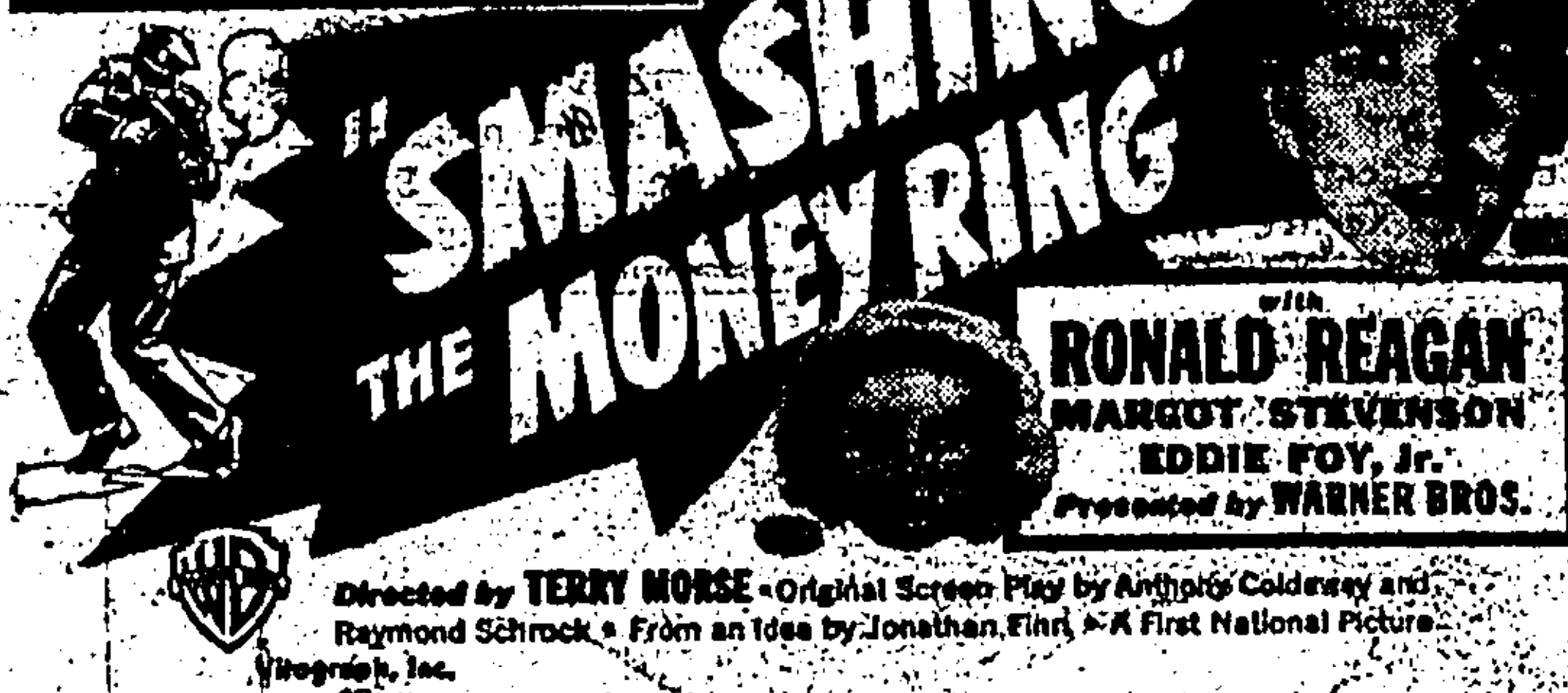
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FRANCE GIVES DUE WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister announces that the French Government, in the answer given to President Roosevelt on September 1, 1939, assured him the French air force had been ordered to refrain from bombing civil populations and to limit bombings to military objectives.

The French Government now wishes publicly to proclaim that they reserve the right to resort to any action they consider appropriate in the case of civilian populations being bombed by the Germans either in France or Britain or in countries assisted by France. —Havas

SEVERE PUNISHMENT OF NAZI RAIDERS ON R.A.F. BASE: MANY SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY that quick and severe punishment met squadrons of German aircraft which yesterday made their first attempt to bomb aerodromes and other objectives in the zone of the advanced striking force of the R.A.F. in France.

The main attack occurred soon after dawn and its effective frustration was due to the smooth and rapid co-operation between the British and French air arms and ground defences.

No serious damage or casualties were reported from any of the R.A.F. aerodromes. Many bombs were dropped but were mainly of small size.

During various engagements five Dorniers were shot down and another four so broken with machine-gun fire, with members of the crew killed or wounded, that it is unlikely they were able to return to their home stations.

French fighter patrols were also equally successful and claim a total of six "killed."—Reuter.

18 Nazi Bombers Downed

Paris, To-day.

The French shot down at least 18 German bombers during yesterday morning's air raids over France.

At Lyons, 15 people were killed and 30 injured in the raids. A block of flats was destroyed and a number of workers' homes hit.

At Nancy, 16 were killed and 30 injured, mainly civilians.

German planes were over Paris for two hours in the morning and met with intense anti-aircraft fire. They dropped no bombs, but there were a few casualties from shrapnel.

One report states that Calais was bombed.

Over Paris, four planes flew so low that the Swastika design could be picked out on the fuselages.—Reuter.

Casualties In Many French Towns

London, To-day.

Reports from the British Embassy in Paris show that casualties were suffered at most of those French towns which have already been bombed.

At Nancy, a garrison town, about 16 were killed and 30 injured; they were mainly civilians.

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AND SO DOES BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The British Government proclaims they reserve to themselves the right to take any action they think appropriate in the event of bombing by the enemy of civilian populations, whether in the United Kingdom or France or in countries assisted by the United Kingdom.

A communique to this effect, in similar terms to the French statement issued earlier in the afternoon, was issued by the Foreign Office last evening.—Reuter.

PROCLAMATION TO PEOPLE OF NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Jonkheer de Greef, has issued the following proclamation to the nation.

"The Government ask the population to keep calm and remain indoors if possible, and to continue their usual occupations.

"The population are urged to obey all regulations laid down for observation in the event of air raids.

"The consumption of alcohol is forbidden temporarily.

"No information must be given to the enemy and no work done for him. The enemy has no right to compel you to do this.

Be Confident

"The population are also urged not to try and reach friends and relatives in other parts of Holland; otherwise they may become involved in the fighting.

"Remain at home and be confident the Dutch army will protect you.

"It is no longer permitted to listen to the German radio programmes. Belgian, English and French programmes, including news bulletins, may, however, be listened to.

"The utmost economy must be observed in the use of gas and electricity. Public amusements are closed until further notice."—Reuter.

BELGIAN CHAMBER GRANTS FULL POWERS

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies has given full powers to the Government by vote of 154 to 1, with no absences.

Lieutenant-General Henri Denis, Minister of National Defence, told the Chamber that the Nazi advance was halted at all points. All defence preparations were working perfectly and the first hours of the war had justified every hope that it could be prosecuted satisfactorily.

The bombing of Belgian aerodromes had not succeeded, for the Belgian planes had been removed some hours before the raids. Only one or two planes had been destroyed and a few others had been damaged.—Reuter.

Paris was raided and there was intense anti-aircraft fire. There were some casualties in the capital from shrapnel but no bombs were dropped, according to latest reports.

Reports reaching authoritative military circles in London state about 200 parachutists in British uniforms landed at the airport of The Hague. Others in Dutch uniforms descended at Dordrecht.

Calais Bombings

There are reports that the aerodrome at Calais and some of the aerodromes occupied by the R.A.F. in Northern France were bombed.

It is also stated the Dutch Friesland Islands were bombed and that parachutists landed there.

It is understood that as far as can be ascertained, the places which have been bombed in Northern France can be regarded—though in some cases by a stretch of the imagination—as military objectives.—Reuter.

British Planes Attack German Troops

London, To-day.

Royal Air Force planes have played a prominent part in the events of the last 24 hours.

The headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces that in the course of yesterday's operations, the R.A.F. had been continuously in action.

Our reconnaissance aircraft have been operating over a wide area. Enemy troops have been attacked by our bomber squadrons.

Wherever German bombers have been encountered, our fighters have engaged them.

The reports indicate that in the course of their combats, many enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Several of our aerodromes have been bombed. Little material damage has been done and no lives have been lost.—Reuter.

Stout Resistance By Dutch Air Force

London, To-day.

More news is trickling in from the Lowlands about the air raids.

Antwerp was attacked by 40 bombers and the Belgian Embassy in Paris says that a military hospital was destroyed.

In southern Belgium, a railway station 25 miles south-east of Namur was bombed in the morning and it is said to be in flames.

There is little fresh news from Holland, but a Brussels report states that the Dutch air force is putting up a stout resistance. Every precaution is being taken in both countries to prevent sabotage from behind the defence lines.—Reuter.



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The main inundation aims at cutting off Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and other big centres from the east. The invaders will have to fight their way through a series of subsidiary lines even before they reach the flooded territory.

Along the frontier a system of local inundations and cleverly placed defence posts constitutes the first obstacle.

Strongest point is just north of Nijmegen, which guards the approaches to the narrowest part of the semi-circular line which connects the Zuyder Zee with the mouth of the Meuse.

The intricate system of dykes and canals is being manipulated with extraordinary speed and low-lying fields have disappeared below the rising tide of the waters, leaving gaunt trees and isolated and deserted villages.

Booby Traps

Canals disappear and form booby traps.

There is no cover. The whole eastern fringe of the waterline consists of higher ground, so that it is impossible for the enemy to let the water out.

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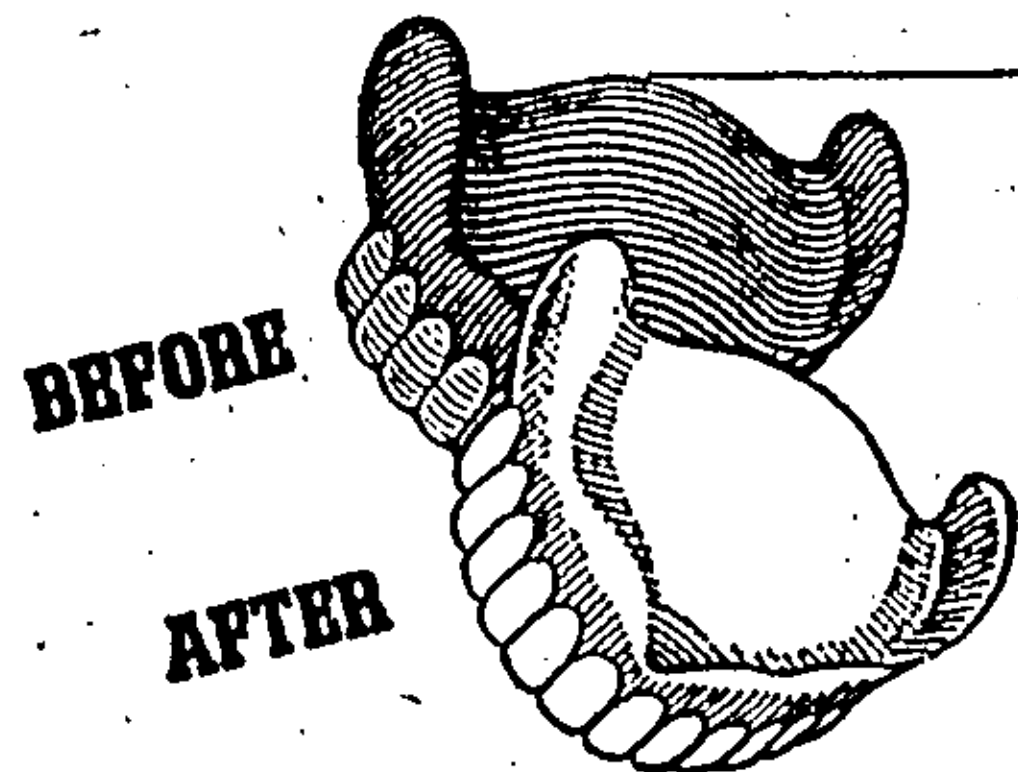
Other defences consist of innocent looking huts which really are machine-gun nests.—Reuter.

German Troops Held

London, To-day.

The Dutch news agency in a broadcast says Dutch troops destroyed bridges across the rivers Meuse and Yssel.

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German parachutist troops have been surrounded and are being annihilated.—Reuter.

70 German Planes Shot Down In Holand

Amsterdam, To-day.

The second communique of the Netherlands Army yesterday reported that at least 70 German planes had been shot down in various parts of the country, both bombers and those trying to land troops.

Four German armoured trains had been successfully attacked, the communique continued, one being blown up at Venloo.

Netherlands troops are putting up a stiff resistance on the Yssel and Maas Rivers. Small German concentrations in the country itself are trying to maintain themselves against strong opposition.

The Germans are shielding behind prisoners of war, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

Dutch Defences Hold

The Hague, To-day.

A Dutch army communique says notwithstanding fierce German attacks, Delfzijl is still in our hands. An armoured train destroyed near Venlo was blown up together with the railway bridge.—Reuter.

LEON DEGRELLE ARRESTED

Brussels, To-day.

Leon Degrelle, the leader of the Belgian Rexist (Fascist) Party, and Declercq, leader of the Flemish Nationalist Party, were arrested yesterday.

Two Flemish Nationalist deputies, Tollenaar and Grammens, are also reported to have been arrested.—Reuter.

HOLLAND'S DEFENCES



In this map the heavy arrows point to the main lines in the Dutch water defence system.

BELGIANS CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE AT ALL POINTS

London, To-day.

The Defence Minister, General Denis, in the Belgian Chamber, stated that the German bombings of Belgian aerodromes were not successful as Belgian planes had been taken from the aerodromes several hours before the attacks were launched.

General Denis stated that the German advance was checked at all points.

All defence preparations were now working perfectly and the first hours of the war justified every hope of its successful further prosecution.

MORALE EXCELLENT

London, To-day.

It was learned authoritatively late yesterday afternoon that the bombing of Brussels in the early morning lasted an hour and a half.

Since then absolute calm has reigned, the population being cheerful and full of confidence in the Allies.

Their morale is good and the anger against the Germans is strong.

Damage by German bombers was slight, a few houses being hit in the city and one factory set on fire at Scharbeck, outside the city.—Reuter.

The results counted on by the aggressor, said Lieut.-General Denis, have not been accomplished and we can claim our first success.

"The way in which the Allied intervention is being undertaken is most encouraging.

"The Army will fight to the end to show itself worthy of 1914."

The Chamber adjourned an historic session to cries of "Long Live the King."—Reuter.

Nazi Planes Shot Down

Brussels, To-day.

A communique issued by the National Defence Ministry announces that at least eight, and probably nine, German planes were shot down by Belgian fighters and anti-aircraft defences.—Reuter.

37 Killed In Brussels Raid

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned in London that 37 were killed and 61 wounded in the German air attack on Brussels aerodrome and district.

The German troops' attack has been held at every point.—Reuter.

Held Up At Line Of Demolitions

Brussels, To-day.

A Belgian communique yesterday morning stated that the Germans were being held up successfully at the line of demolitions.—Reuter.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.
AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM 10 DOWNING STREET, THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, STATES THAT MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNED THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER AND FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY LAST EVENING.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the announcement adds, has accepted His Majesty's invitation to fill the position.

The announcement followed an audience granted by the King at Buckingham Palace to Mr. Chamberlain shortly after 5 o'clock last evening.

Five minutes after Mr. Chamberlain had left the Palace, Mr. Churchill was received by the King.

It is officially announced that the Prime Minister was to broadcast at 8 o'clock (G.M.T.) last night.

The Prime Minister desires that all Ministers should remain at their posts and discharge their functions with full freedom and responsibilities while the necessary arrangements for the formation of a new administration are made.

Meanwhile, the following statement was issued following yesterday's meeting of the Labour Party executive at Bournemouth:—

"The National Executive of the Labour Party has unanimously decided to take their share of responsibility as a full partner in a new Government under a new Prime Minister who would command the confidence of the nation."

Directly the decision was reached, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Party, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, returned to London and called at No. 10 Downing Street.—Reuter.

American Approval

Washington, To-day.
Mr. Chamberlain's resignation and the choice of Mr. Churchill as successor are widely welcomed here where it has long been felt, rightly or wrongly, that the Allied war effort could not attain its drive under the old leadership.—Reuter.

New Members Of French War Cabinet

Paris, To-day.
It is officially announced that M. Reynaud has reconstructed his Cabinet, taking into it representatives of all political parties.

A communique states that M. Louis Marin, ex-Minister, and President of the Republican Federation, and M. Ybarne Garay, Vice-President of the French Social Party, have entered the Government in the capacity of Ministers of State and will be members of the War Cabinet.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI COUP FOILED

Shanghai, To-day.
An attempt was made by four armed men to capture a motor-van containing some \$1,000,000 which was being conveyed to the bank.

A gun fight occurred between the Indian guards and the men one of whom was arrested.

A Japanese customs employee, an Indian guard and a Chinese pedestrian were wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

FRENCH CABINET CHANGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, is expected to include in his cabinet personalities which will give the Government the national character demanded by the circumstances.

M. Reynaud is now engaged in conferences and consultations with prominent members of parliament.—Havas.

BELGIUM NOT CAUGHT UNPREPARED

Brussels, To-day.

"The invasion has not found us unprepared," declared the Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, in a statement to the Chamber yesterday.

"For the second time in 25 years Germany has shown how much respect she attaches to her own signature."

"At our first appeal France and Britain offered us their help."

"All Belgians, particularly veterans of the last war, pay homage to the valiant Belgian army. The whole country must be united."

The entire Chamber rose and cheered when M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, who followed, said that Britain and France had replied immediately to Belgium's request for help.

When M. Spaak turned towards the Diplomatic Gallery, where the British and French Ambassadors were sitting, the cheering was redoubled.—Reuter.

WHAT ITALY IS TOLD

Rome, To-day.
Special editions of the noon-day Italian press appeared on the streets at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, giving the German propaganda version of the attack on the Lowlands.

The Italian people are told that Germany has again beaten the Allies to the objective. Some papers go so far as to claim that the Germans are holding Brussels and that a British Expeditionary Force has been in Holland since last Sunday night!—Reuter.

WARNING TO BRITISH CIVILIANS

London, To-day.

FRESH INSTRUCTIONS to Britain's civilian population were issued yesterday, as a result of the invasion of the Lowlands.

"We must all be prepared," states an announcement from the Minister of Home Security. "Carry your gasmasks with you always from now on. If you think that they are not in perfect condition, consult your warden at once."

If civilians are in the open and cannot get to a shelter, they must lie down and cover their heads with their arms.

Another announcement concerns lights, and warns people not to forget windows at the back of the house and skylights.

It is the duty of everyone to see that all lights for which they are responsible are obscured so as to be invisible from outside. If the raid alarm is sounded, all torches and car headlights must be promptly extinguished.

A further announcement states that sentries have been posted to guard

vulnerable points. They will challenge anyone coming near, and if the challenge is not answered, they will fire.—Reuter.

NAZI SHIPS SEIZED

Singapore, To-day.

Nineteen German ships which took refuge in the Netherlands East Indies when war broke out last September have been seized. Their crews have been interned.

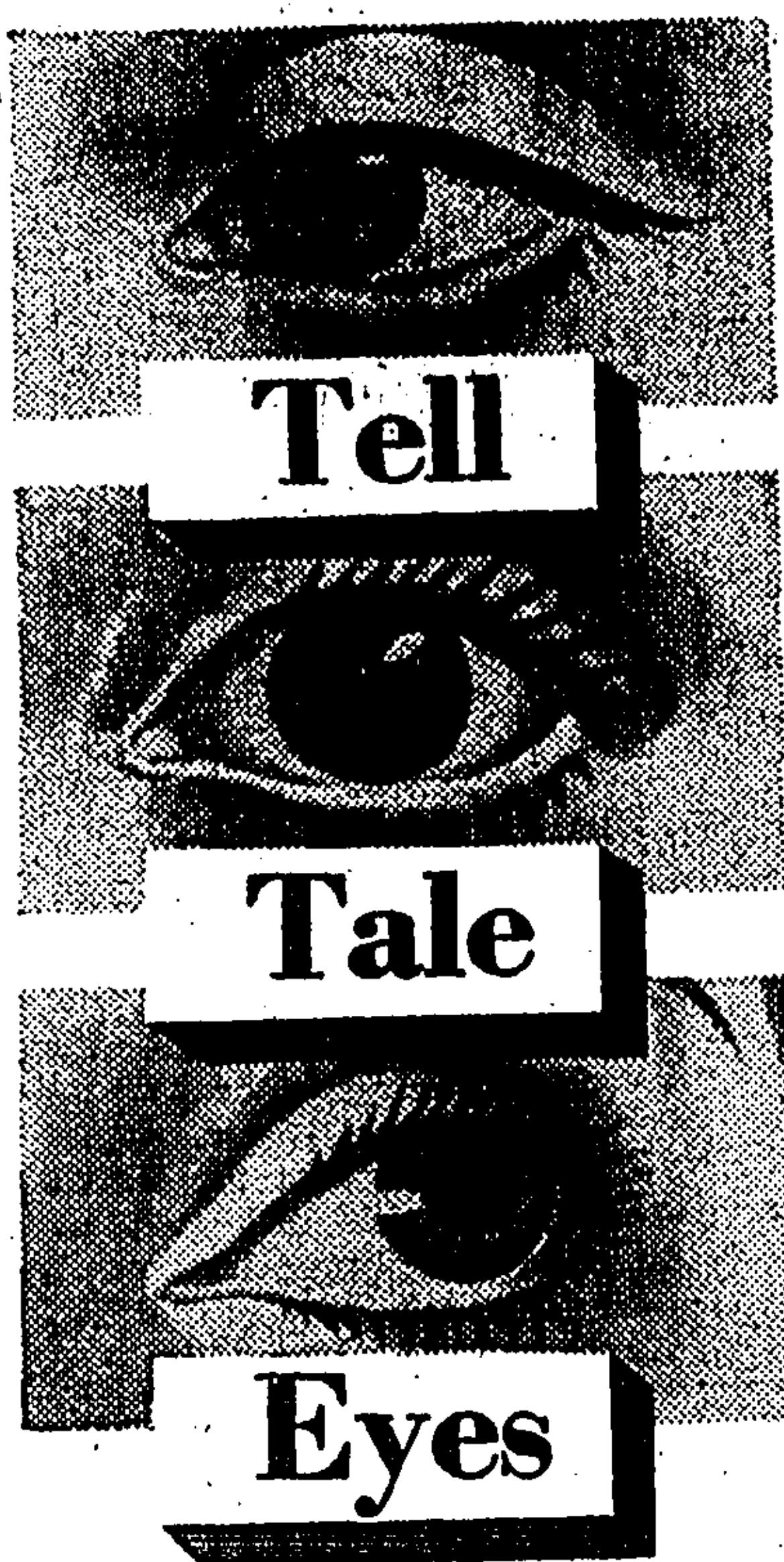
This followed the proclamation by the Governor earlier that a state of war existed.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRACY

There is reason for gratitude in every sign that the world is beginning to awake to the necessity of striving for democracy between as well as within nations. In a recent article in the Nation, Thomas Mann puts forth a most arresting definition of democracy which has application to the international as well as to the national scene. "Democracy," he writes, "is a legal relationship between liberty and equality, between the claims of the individual and society, a relationship which is labile and must be constantly reconstituted."

In the present century such a reconstitution has been gradually going on, as democratic concepts have been advancing from the older ideals of a laissez-faire individualism to newer ideals of social responsibility. But until recently too few people have realised that there is no more room within the world community than within the national community for the sort of unbridled "individualism" which is simply a cloak for predatory selfishness and is the precursor of anarchy.

Mr. Mann, surveying the situation to-day, feels hopeful that statesmen and ordinary citizens will learn from the present state of anarchy the necessity of establishing democracy between nations.

The voice of this distinguished German, speaking on behalf of a democracy wide enough to include nations as well as individuals, is one of the hopeful signs of the times. Exile though he is, Mr. Mann speaks for the Germany which must eventually rise from the ruins of National Socialism to take its part in a new order—that order which is bound, sooner or later, to come to a world unable to find satisfaction in a liberty that denies equality or in an equality imposed at the expense of liberty.

In such a world, no nation, even those which, like the United States, now consider themselves aloof, will be able to ignore the social responsibilities which will rest on it. For nations as for their citizens, individual liberty is the first word in the creed of democracy, but it is not the last.—"Christian Science Monitor."

MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

"It seems to me," said the First Lord of the Admiralty in a broadcast address, "that an intensification of the struggle is to be expected." The same thought is in the minds of all men and there is one way in which most of them in this country are looking for an early increase in the rigour of operations. Germany's use of such sea-power as remains to her has two sides to it, the ruthless and the insidious. The ruthless is used with equal and lawless ferocity against the mariners of belligerents and neutrals alike, and that we shall continue to fight with all the lawful methods at our command. The insidious is used against us under cover of "neutral rights"; while Germany bombs and sinks neutral shipping on the high seas she creeps inside their territorial waters to convey iron ore and other contraband to German ports. It is there that we, and obviously Mr. Churchill as well, look for some prompt and entirely justified "intensification of the struggle." Germany, having torn up every law and sanction of humanity in her ruthless conduct of the sea war, should not be allowed to profit by her insidious and successful use of what violated legal conventions." Our business is to make the insidious side of her campaign no longer workable. We have no quarrel with the neutrals. The ones closely concerned are very near to Germany, and one could wish that Mr. Churchill could at times defeat.

display a little more patience with their way natural reluctance to see their countries turned into much more of a battlefield than this island is ever likely to become, and would not come so near to scolding them in public for not having "stood together at one signal and in one line" with us and France. But though we have no quarrel with the neutrals we are fighting for our lives and liberty (and incidentally for theirs), and we cannot fight with one hand tied behind our back while Germany uses a battleaxe with both.—"Manchester Guardian."

VICTORY PAST AND FUTURE

On April 10, 1890, a young Welshman was returned at a by-election as Liberal member for Carnarvon Boroughs. He has represented it in Parliament ever since. To be strictly accurate, it was not until seven days later that he took his seat, but, by whichever date the half-century is to be reckoned, no niceties of calculation need trouble a jubilee as memorable as any that graces Parliamentary annals. Yesterday there was a greeting of especial warmth from his fellow-members for the Father of the House as he entered the Chamber, and he will be congratulated as warmly by his fellow-countrymen at large. The occasion cannot be overcast by current events. On the contrary, they illumine rather than obscure it. There is no need to make place for it, as it were, among the thoughts of to-day. The occasion is sure of a welcome for many reasons, but not least because the recollection of Mr. Lloyd George's supreme service to the State has particular and significant relevance to the purpose dominating all others to-day.

The two famous years from 1916 to 1918 are very far from exhausting Mr. Lloyd George's story. The rebel, the reformer, the reconstructor have all left their mark on the evolution of Britain. At this distance from the more contentious passages of his political life it is easier than it would once have been to measure what these too have added to the strength and unity of the nation to-day. But it is not the agitator, the legislator, or the elder statesman—a conventional term sitting a little uncomfortably upon Mr. Lloyd George's still vivacious figure—on whom the mind dwells chiefly now. Nor is it even Mr. Lloyd George the orator and debater who is foremost, for all his mastery of the stirring image, his incisive wit and gaiety, his power of epigrammatic and malicious phrase. (He has never lacked zeal for the fray, and he has practised the "gentle art" at times with prodigious fervour.) These facets of Mr. Lloyd George's genius are not the first to catch the reflective eye as the nation looks back, nor perhaps will be himself think it any injustice to his long career in public life to concentrate upon the two years in which he put himself at the head of a united nation and led it through danger to victory.

Well may those who followed him then remember what they owed and owe to the infection of Mr. Lloyd George's good courage, to his unwavering resolution and quenchless energy. In those years he became the embodiment of the national determination to endure all for the triumph of a great cause. The example of that time bids us be of good cheer. Greater trials than any we have yet had to encounter were met and surmounted with valour and skill. It was the same enemy, though in greater strength, and — Mr. Churchill called "the tatters of here it is enough to say of it—it was the same cause. Ranked against that enemy once again, and ranged behind that cause, are the same resources, the same mind and temper, and the same resolution to bring another and a worse challenge to civilisation to the same defeat.—"The Times."

ANOTHER U. S. RADIO SCARE

Another U.S. broadcast scare, similar to the one two years ago which sent thousands of Americans hurrying to defend their country against an "invasion by troops from Mars," has taken place in Philadelphia.

Listeners tuned in to Station KYW, heard the announcer read this telegram: "Your worst fears that the world is to end are confirmed by astronomers at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. These scientists predict that the world will end at 3 p.m. on Monday." What the announcer had failed to mention was that the telegram was part of a publicity "stunt."

RENOWN V. SCHARNHORST

10-MINUTE BATTLE MAY HAVE MADE HISTORY

History may show that the action between the battle-cruisers Renown and Scharnhorst was the decisive encounter of this stage of the Scandinavian campaign.

Public attention has naturally centred on the heroic action of the destroyers at Narvik rather than upon the brief clash of the Renown and Scharnhorst at day-break on Tuesday, April 9, the morning of the Scandinavian coup.

Some naval authorities believe that the German plan assumed a rapid and easy seizure of southern Norway, but anticipated difficulty in stopping a British landing in the far north at Narvik, at the end of the iron ore railway.

BOLD STROKE

Therefore, the German High Command decided on a bold stroke. They hoped to seize Narvik by surprise, and get the Scharnhorst, with her 11-inch guns, into the fjord, in such a position that she could effectively close the entrance to all but the most powerful British ships.

Even our strongest battleships would have been at a disadvantage in attacking the Scharnhorst in narrow waters and in a protected position.

Thus they hoped to hold Narvik against the British long enough for their other plans to mature.

The ten-minute battle with the Renown rendered the Scharnhorst incapable of this service and paved the way for the victorious exploits of the destroyers later.

ONLY THEORY

If the 11-inch guns of the German battle-cruiser had been added to the defences of Narvik the first crippling attack of our destroyers would probably have been repulsed easily, while the difficulty of the subsequent operation, in which the Warspite took part, would have been much enhanced.

No other theory of German intentions can make the manner in which they risked the Scharnhorst away from her sister ship, the Gneisenau, and so far from her base intelligible to British naval opinion.

SEX FACTS FOR SCHOOLGIRLS

Sex teaching is to be given to senior girls at Crewe before they leave school.

Dr. Annie M. Parkes, a local magistrate, has volunteered to give lectures on this subject to girls leaving school at the end of the summer term.

Instruction will be optional. Parents will be informed of the proposed lectures before they are given. If they object, they will be allowed to withdraw their daughters from the lectures.

Mrs. E. L. Mossford Powell, a member of Cheshire County Council, told a reporter that all who attended the Education Committee at which it was decided to provide sex instruction were in favour of it.

"Instruction of this sort should preferably be given by the mother, if she can, and will," she said, "but in many cases mothers either will not or cannot."

"Children are apt to learn about these things in the wrong way."

"War conditions have aggravated matters. The danger with which young girls are faced has increased because of their greater freedom."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

SUBJECT—Adam And Fallen Man.

The Subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, May 12th, will be:—"Adam and Fallen Man."

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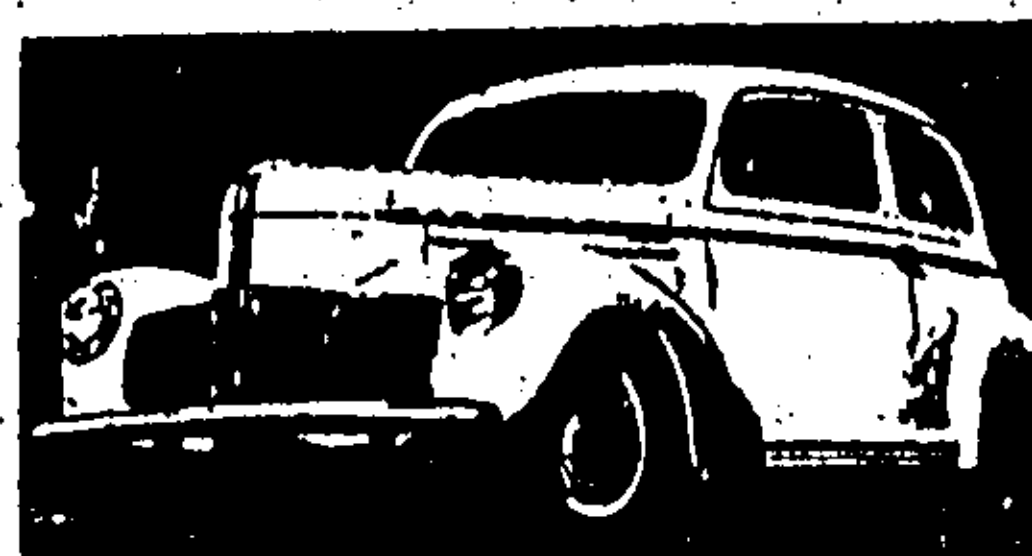
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GERMANS GIVE THEIR ACCOUNT OF OPERATIONS

Berlin, To-day.

A GERMAN NEWS AGENCY statement says: "At dawn yesterday the German air force started an attack in the west with strong units and landed numerous units on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes."

"The aerodromes and their surroundings fell into German hands in a short time."

"Aerodromes in east and central France were attacked by surprise by German bombers which destroyed the aerodromes and aeroplanes and caused considerable fires."

"The aerodromes at St. Omer, Vitry-Le-Francois and Metz were destroyed."

"German air attacks were extended to Dutch and Belgian military objectives as the Belgian Government had called British and French troops into the country and the Dutch Government had declared a state of war between Holland and Germany."

"During these attacks the aerodromes at Antwerp and Brussels were successfully bombed."

"Units of the German air force supported the advance of the army and were responsible for the occupation of one of the strongest Belgian forts." — Reuter.

High Command Communique

Berlin, To-day.

A High Command communique announced yesterday afternoon: "German troops crossed the Dutch, Luxemburg and Belgian frontiers at 5.30 a.m. Enemy resistance was broken everywhere energetically, often in close co-operation with the air force."

"A U-boat sank a British submarine off Terschelling. A German speed-boat sank an enemy destroyer by torpedo action during operations in the North Sea." — Reuter.

Official Claim

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially claimed that German troops crossed the southern tip of Holland's "appendix" and seized the town of Maastricht.

Nazi troops crossed the Meuse at several points and occupied bridges on the Albert Canal. — Reuter.

DUTCH RESOURCES IN COMMON CAUSE

London, To-day.

Broadcasting from London last night, Herr van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said: "Our country has a vast empire overseas and considerable resources."

"These resources we now put at the disposal of our common cause — the destruction of the German spirit of wanton aggression."

"I can assure you Holland will continue to fight until together we have won." — Reuter.

GERMANS BOMB A HOSPITAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

German planes bombed and destroyed a military hospital at Antwerp.

Anti-aircraft guns are active and dogfights are taking place over the city.

Several bombs were dropped in Brussels damaging various buildings.

The Evre airport, located three miles from the capital, was severely bombed. — Havas.

BRITISH POLICY IN FAR EAST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONCERN OVER THE MANIFESTATIONS OF BRITISH POLICY IN THE FAR EAST WAS EXPRESSED BY MISS FRY WHEN MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RECEIVED A DEPUTATION OF THE CHINA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler reaffirmed there had been no change to the Government's Far Eastern policy which would continue to be guided by the Nine Power Treaty and in the light of their obligations.

He added the Government would continue to recognise the Government at Chungking as China's National Government. They did not contemplate the recognition of Wang Ching-wel or any other government.

Regarding the Tientsin silver, Mr. Butler said negotiations were pending in consultation with the Chinese Government. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



SWISS WARNED TO BE READY

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND BROADCAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON ALL NATIONAL STATIONS CALLING ON THE COUNTRY TO KEEP CALM BUT WARNING THE PEOPLE THAT THE SITUATION WAS DANGEROUS.

The war has seized upon new and pitiful victims, he said. Three friendly countries have been dragged into the war.

Switzerland is at present still safe, but he emphasized that the situation created by the invasion of the Lowlands was serious.

"We must be ready," he said.

The entry of foreigners would be more strictly watched, passenger and goods traffic would be strictly controlled and the Swiss army on the frontiers would be placed on a war footing the next day (Saturday).

"You will understand and appreciate these precautions," he said. "They are absolutely indispensable. The troops will do their duty, whatever happens, and the civilians will do theirs."—Reuter.

LUXEMBURG ASKS AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has requested French air in face of the German aggression. France has informed the Grand Duchy that she will be extending all assistance in her power.

The tiny Dutchy population of which is only 300,000, possesses for its protection only 225 gendarmes and 170 soldiers.—Havas.

French Reply

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French charge d'affaires in Luxembourg told the French Government that the German army had violated the territory of the Grand Duchy in contempt for the promise from the Reich to respect Luxembourg.

Luxembourg appealed to France for protection of the population and re-establishment of the integrity of Luxembourg territory.

France answered she would give all the assistance in her power. —Havas.

DUTCH MINISTERS' ADVENTURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DUTCH COLONIAL MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE AMONG THE PASSENGERS ON BOARD A LARGE DUTCH NAVAL SEAPLANE WHICH CAME DOWN IN THE SEA OFF BRIGHTON YESTERDAY OWING TO SHORTAGE OF PETROL.

The passengers, who included the attache from the British Embassy in Holland, were taken to Brighton Town Hall under police escort.

Because of a leakage in one of the floats caused by a shot while passing over Belgium, the pilot decided to come down on the sea before reaching Shoreham.

The Ministers journeyed to London by train and saw Lord Halifax yesterday.—Reuter.

DUTCH CHAMBER MEETING

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Parliament met in short session yesterday afternoon.

The President of the Second Chamber declared the Netherlands, which everywhere was known as a nation that promotes peace, was attacked with merciless violence. "We protest this atrocity. The army and navy will resist with fearless courage."—Reuter.

PEIPING BLACK-OUT

Peiping, To-day.

The entire city was blacked out last night for the first day of three-day air defence exercises.

Special measures are being taken to control lights while certain measures are also being taken to control traffic in connection with the sounding of air-raid alarms.

A.R.P. drill is also being held in towns along the various Japanese-controlled railways in North China.

To-day, practice measures for combating gas attacks and incendiary bombs will be rehearsed together with first-aid drill.

Only official cars will be allowed to traverse the city streets to-night. The practice is being held under the supervision of the Commandant of the Japanese garrison in Peiping.

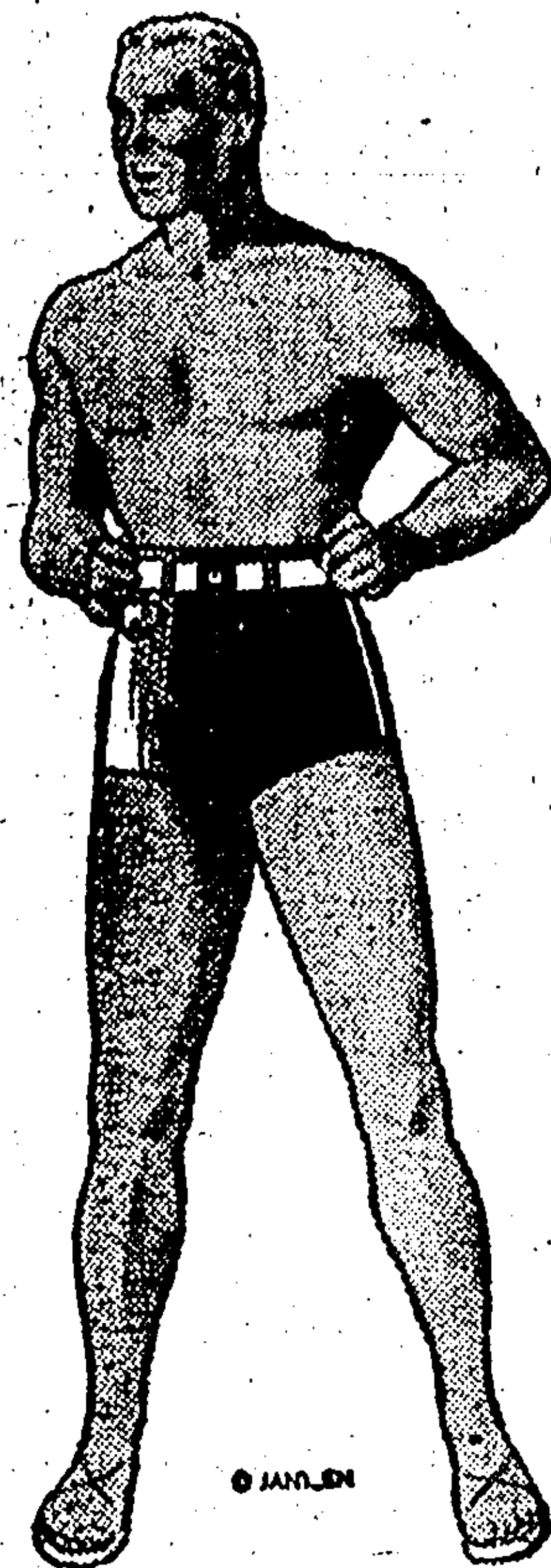
As activities of the Chinese air force in North China are practically nil and the Japanese having complete mastery of the air, the reason for the exercises is slightly obscure.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS

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For	Per	Date and Time.
SATURDAY		
Fort Bayard		May 11, 11.00 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th June.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	May 11, 11.15 a.m.
	Reg.,	May 11, Noon.
	Ord.,	May 11, Noon.
Straits		G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 20th May.	Parcels,	May 11, Noon.
	Reg.,	May 11, 1.15 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 11, 2.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 19th May.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	May 11, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan		May 11, 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Canton		May 12, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai		May 12, 9.00 a.m.
Saigon		May 13, 10.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Haiphong		May 13, 10.00 a.m.
Canton		May 13, 5.00 p.m.
TUESDAY		
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin.		May 14, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East & South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 6th June.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	May 14, 2.15 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 14, 3.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 14, 3.00 p.m.
Japan		K.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd May.	Reg.,	May 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 14, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	May 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 14, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th May.	K.P.O.	May 14, 5.00 p.m.
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	Ord.,	May 14, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	May 14, 5.00 p.m.
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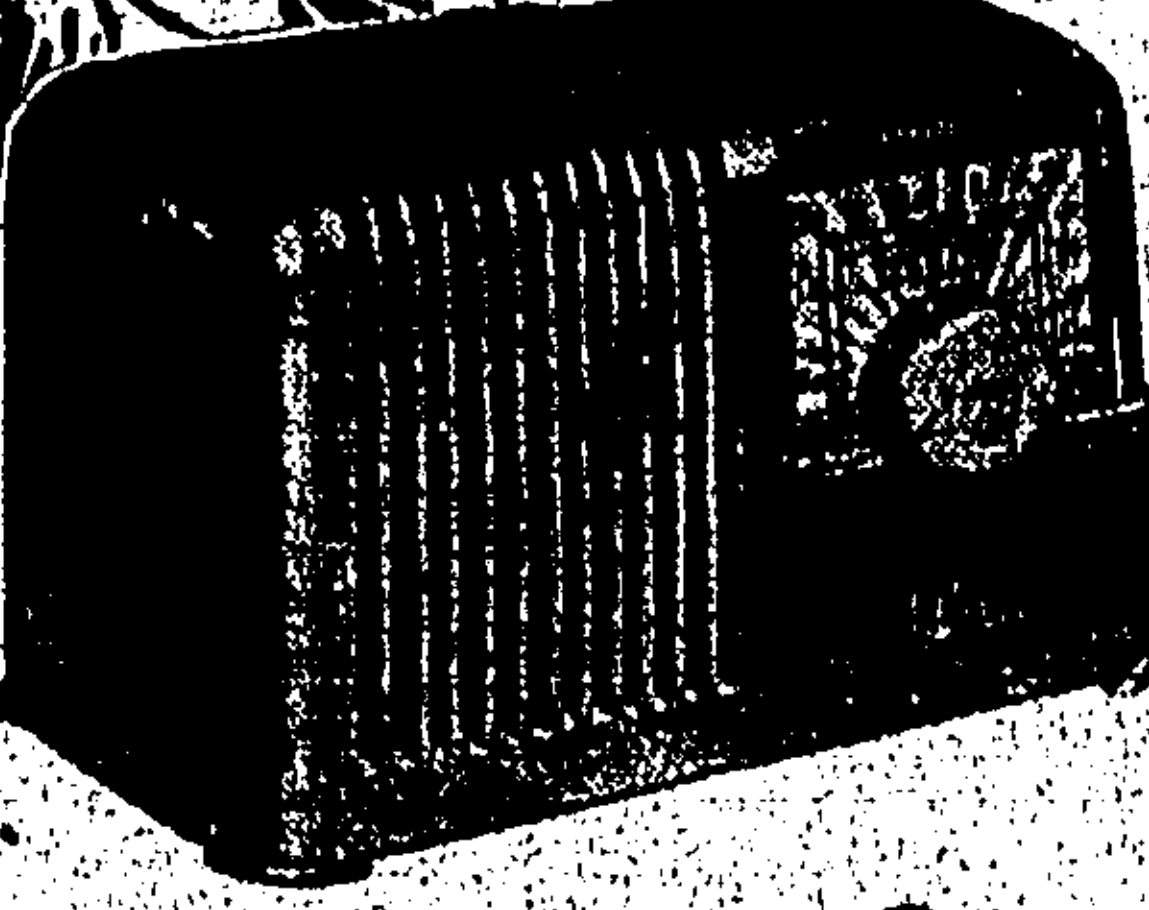


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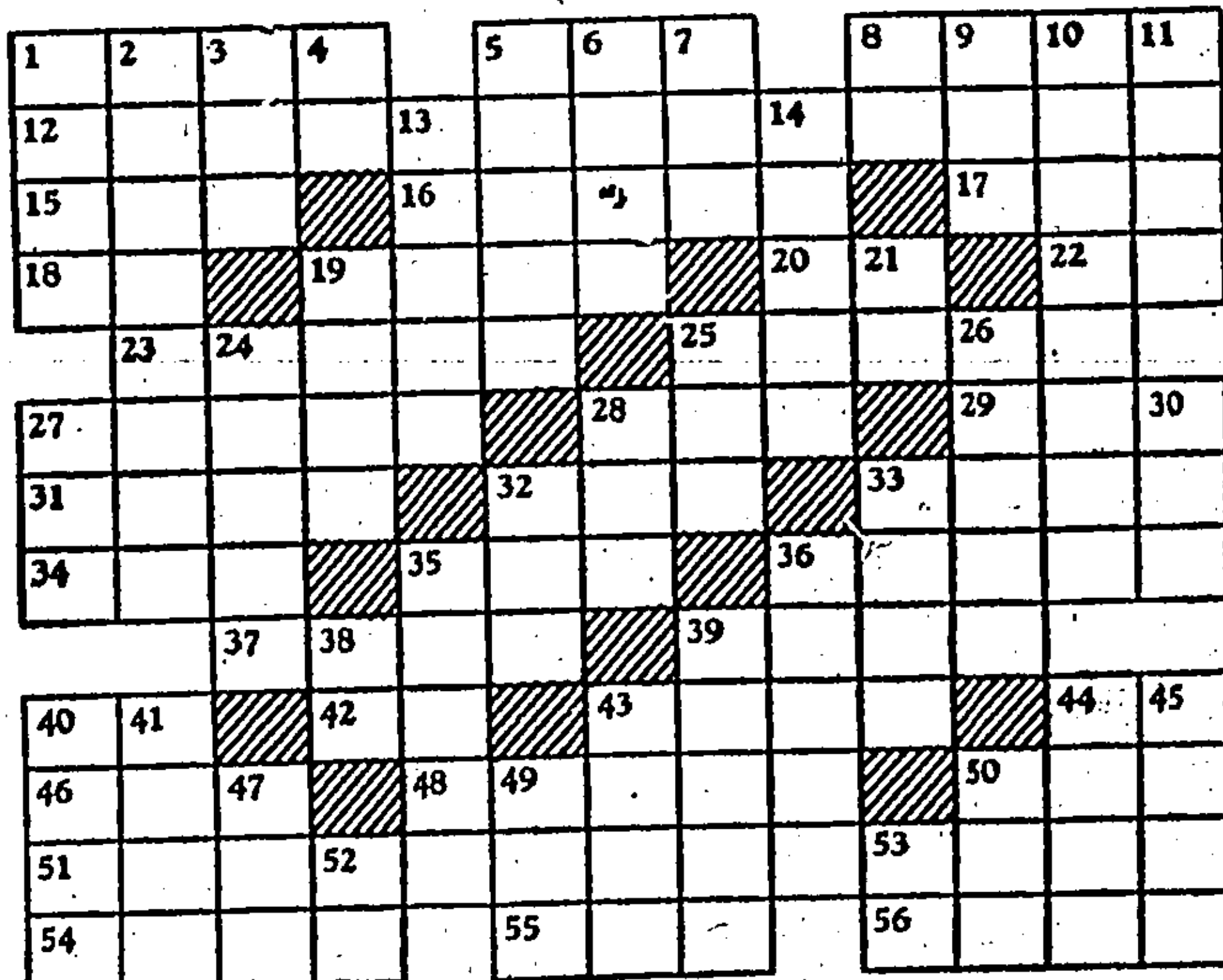
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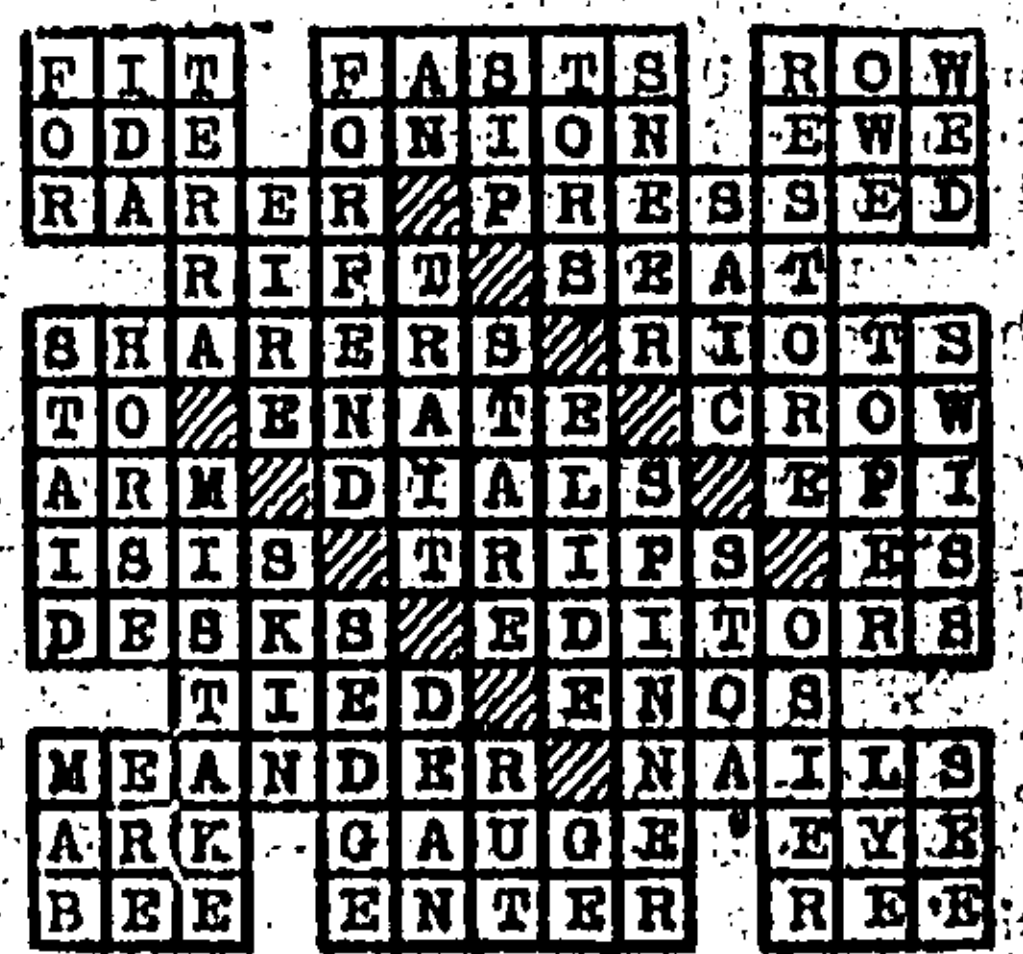
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- 22 To exist
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- 27 Tenure
- 28 To wander
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- 31 Heraldic device
- 32 Animal foot
- 33 Wrinkle
- 34 French: summer
- 35 Tenon
- 36 Tree trunks
- 37 Sodium chloride
- 39 Raucous noise
- 40 To depart
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- 4 Pronoun
- 5 Soap plant
- 6 To apportion
- 7 Poem
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 Goddess of mischief
- 10 Wordiness
- 11 To sharpen
- 13 French river
- 14 Greek epic poem
- 19 Stance
- 21 Roman gods
- 24 Fees
- 25 To turn left
- 26 Actually
- 27 Sheltered side
- 28 To silence
- 30 Existed
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- 33 Kind of horse
- 35 To ascend
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- 39 To sanctify
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AN ASTOUNDING ROTTERDAM STORY

London, To-day.

AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT reports that the Germans landed a number of troops in Rotterdam after almost completely destroying the flying-field and aerodrome near the city.

Dutch troops are holding the right bank of the river, which the Germans have been unable to cross. The Germans are holding the left bank and have also landed at other points on the same side.

The correspondent reports heavy fighting within the city. Barricades have been set up in the city, even tramcars being used. — Reuter.

NO GERMAN WALK-OVER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ANKARA NEWSPAPER "ULUS" COMMENTS: "NORWAY IS A VICTIM OF LACK OF PRECAUTIONS BUT IT WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE ALLIES WHO RAINED WARNINGS ON HER, SHE, HOWEVER, LET HERSELF BE DECEIVED BY GERMANY'S LYING AND SOOTHING WORDS."

All nations in the regions where war may spread should draw a lesson. They must take precautions.

"The war in Norway proved that nations which defend liberty can count upon the support of the Allies but the Allies are not miracle workers. They cannot be expected to restore life to those who commit suicide."

SWISS COMMENT

The Berne newspaper "Der Bund" states: "It is unlikely that the Germans will have a walk-over."

The moment chosen indicates the Germans hoped to exploit the uncertain situation in Britain but it is more likely that the situation there was quickly consolidated.

It is now proved that Britain was wise not to dissipate the forces.—Reuter.

CODE MESSAGE WAS JUST NUTS

A man went into a telephone box at Devonport, rang up the naval authorities, said: "I am A 53," and then proceeded to dictate a message in code.

The officials at the barracks sat up and took notice. They decoded the message and then gasped. It said:—

"Nuts to Devonport. I want to rejoin the Navy."

That, at least, was part of the message; the rest of it was not revealed in the Guernsey Court when John Arthur Pendril Jones, aged forty-one, appeared on a charge in connection with the message.

Jones, who lives in Doyle-road, Guernsey, was charged with obtaining board and lodging by fraud, and sending a coded 'phone message knowing that it would interfere with the duties of the authorities at Devonport.

He was remanded in custody for a medical examination.

"What does 'Nuts to Devonport' mean?" asked the magistrate.

"That's code, sir," replied Jones, "a polite way of addressing the Navy. I was in the last war, and I want to get back."

The fraud charge, it was stated, related to Jones failing to pay his landlady.

HOME OFFICE WARNING

London, To-day.

The Home Office announces that in the last 24 hours many Germans have landed in Belgium and Holland by parachute from aircraft and in a number of cases they have been wearing uniforms calculated to deceive observers into thinking they were friendly.

The public will be wondering how they can best assist the authorities if the enemy should attempt to land troops in this country by parachute.

The best way the ordinary citizen can help is by keeping watch and, if he observes such an attempt, to report it immediately to the nearest police station which will communicate with the military authorities.

If any such attempts are made they are most likely during the hours of black-out. — Reuter.

2 WILL WED AT SIXTEEN

Two girls of sixteen, the youngest age at which one can be married in England, have given notice of their marriages. Both notices are entered at Paddington Register Office.

The girls are Amy Louisa Carr, of Westbury-road, W., and Joyce Beatrice Topp, of Shirland-road, W.

Miss Carr is marrying a twenty-two-year-old solicitor's clerk, Stanley Thomas Smith, of Barfett-street, W., and Miss Topp is marrying Herbert Stanley Hall, aged twenty-one, of Bravington-road, W.

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WEEK-END BASEBALL

By "Grandstand"

Interest appears to be flying high in anticipation of the 1940 pennant race.

Two friendly tilts are slated for the week-end with U.S.S. Mindanao playing in a double header. To-day at 3 p.m. the American blue-jackets cross bats with H. B. on the Caroline Hill Naval ground. To-morrow at 10.30 a.m. on the same ground Mindanao will tangle with Abe Liu's Chung Hwa.

The Chasemen will all be out for all they are worth in to-day's encounter to avenge two defeats last season at the hands of the Leonardmen, who were then playing under the flag of Beer Baron Chet Bennett of U.B.

Poochie Chase is depending on his three Chuckers, Tony Muscavage, Muddy Ruel and Red Keplinger, while mentor Dave Leonard is counting on his heavy sluggers and tight fielding to bring home the bacon.

I understand that Chung Hwa will have their full team out to-morrow against the Miny boys and a close battle is anticipated.

PACQUES WINS OGBOURNE PLATE

London, To-day.—At Newbury, Pacques, half-brother of Pasch, owned by Mr. Harry Morris and ridden by Gordon Richards, won the Ogbourne Plate over one mile, beating the French challenger, Pharatis, which started at evens, by three lengths.

Pacques was second favourite at 11/8.—Reuter.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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RIBBENTROP TELLS THE SAME STUPID STORY

Berlin, To-day.

JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, Nazi Foreign Minister, made a statement to the German and foreign press yesterday morning.

"The Reich Government," he said, "knew yesterday morning that Great Britain had told the Belgian and Dutch Governments that a landing of British troops on Belgian and Dutch soil was imminent.

"Britain and France have dropped the mask. After the failure in Norway the alarm was given in the Mediterranean in order to veil their true aim—an attack on the Ruhr district of Germany through Belgium and Holland.

"The Fuehrer was not willing to expose the Ruhr to another Franco-British aggression. He therefore decided to protect the neutrality of Belgium and Holland against the Franco-British aggressors.

"The German army will now speak to Britain and France in the only language their rulers seem to understand and settle them once and for all."—Reuter.

BOMBS ON SWISS STATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE SWISS GENERAL STAFF ANNOUNCES THAT A FOREIGN PLANE DROPPED FOUR BOMBS ON THE RAILWAY AT DELEMONT. AN ENQUIRY IS BEING MADE.

The railway was damaged and one track blocked to traffic.

The Federal Council has ordered general mobilisation for this morning, at 9 o'clock, to face any eventuality or threat.

The Federal Council has withdrawn all visas given abroad by Swiss consuls.

Control of traffic on the German and French frontiers is being reinforced.—Havas.

London, To-day.

Latest reports reaching London indicate that the British occupation of Iceland met with no resistance and the operation was carried out according to plan.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING NOT SURPRISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Politicians here were not surprised by the German aggression on Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg which they consider as a logical sequel to the Scandinavian campaign, as the German tactics appear to be to launch successive "blitzkrieg" in various parts of Europe to take the Allies unawares and divide their efforts as much as possible.

Military action in the Balkans is expected here in the immediate future.

Following the German aggression on Holland, politicians here wonder whether Japan will be taking the opportunity to invade the Dutch East Indies.—Havas.

AIR ATTACHE'S ESCAPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH AIR ATTACHE AT THE HAGUE WAS NEARLY KILLED BY A BOMB WHICH FELL NEAR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

Military circles state that about 200 German parachutists in British uniforms landed at The Hague airport.

Hilverum radio announced that the Dutch Foreign Minister and Colonies Minister left for London to contact the Allies.

Fifteen Heinkel bombers and 23 other Nazi bombers were sighted on one bombing raid over Holland.—Havas.

AMERICA AND DUTCH COLONIES

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull indicated yesterday afternoon that consultations will be held with the South American Republics concerning the status of the Dutch possessions in the Western Hemisphere, although the matter had not yet reached that stage.

He added that no effort had been made in conference with the Netherlands Ambassador to reach any decisions in regard to the Dutch West Indies.

President Roosevelt said that the situation in Holland and Belgium spoke for itself.

He was full of sympathy with the "very excellent" proclamation of the Queen of the Netherlands.

Referring to the possible effects of the invasion of the Low Countries on the United States, President Roosevelt said: "A great many things are being studied.

Replying to questions, he said the German pledge at the outbreak of war not to bomb open unfortified towns was being considered in the light of reported raids on such places.

Asked whether the "combat area restrictions under the Neutrality Act might be extended to include the Dutch West or Dutch East Indies, the President replied that no such change was at present contemplated.—Reuter.

MARKING DOWN OF PRICES ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday there was a widespread marking down of prices as a precautionary measure but actual selling was negligible. Giltedged and foreign securities naturally received the most drastic cuts.

Indian loans partially recovered from earlier setbacks while in other directions Kaffirs showed good resistance to the general downtrend.

The opening of the Stock Exchange on Monday (General bank holiday) is welcomed by the members.

Wall Street was irregular but later rallied.—Reuter.

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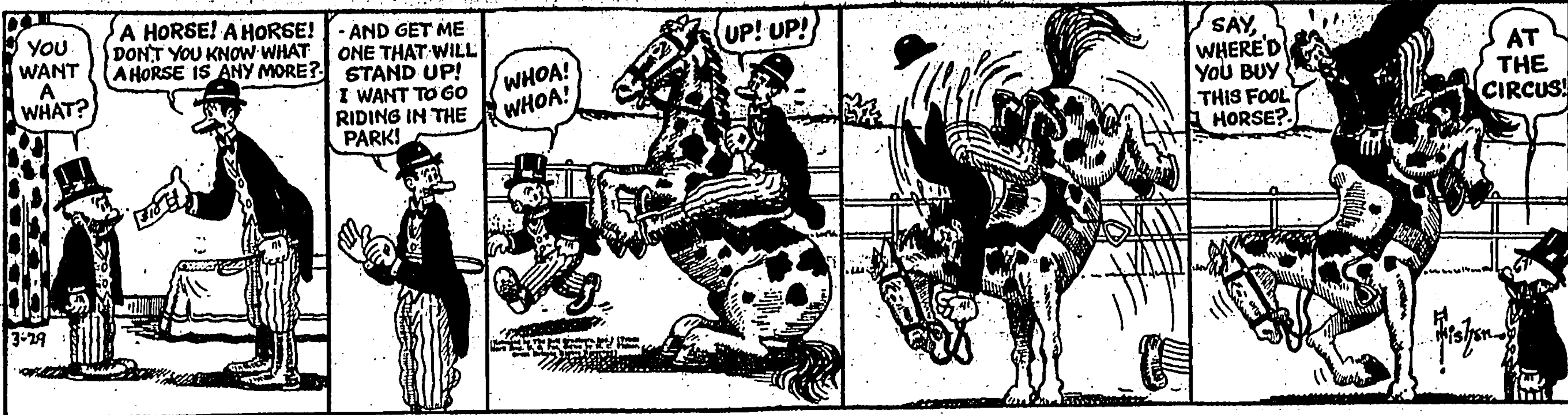
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12.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
The Great Ziegfeld—Selection....Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal Chorus.
"The Girl of the Golden West"—Soldiers of Fortune; Who Are We To Say....Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Alexander's Ragtime Band—Medley....Lloyd Thomas (Organ).
12.50 p.m.—Songs by Gracie Fields.
Outside the Old Stage Door (Pattison & Others); Old Father Thames (O'Hagan); The Photograph of Mother's Wedding Group (Hargreaves & Damerell)....with Orchestral accomp.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by the New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Tiny Little Fingerprints; Fox-Trot—Trot, Trot, Tootle On Your Flute; 6/8 Onstep—Follow the Band; Fox-Trot—Angel of the Great White Way; Tango Fox-Trot—Where The Cafe Lights Are Gleaming; Fox-Trot—Music Hath Charms (from the film); Slow Fox-Trot—Honey Coloured Moon (film "Music Hath Charms"); Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart; Fox-Trot—Let's Make Memories To-Night (from "All Clear").

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Noel Coward in Musical Comedy. Parisian Pierrot (Coward)....Noel Coward (Vocal) with The Phoenix Theatre Orch.
"Cavalcade"—Suite (Tunes of 1899-1930)....Noel Coward (Talking) and New Mayfair Orchestra.
The Party's Over Now ('Words and Music'—Coward); Something To Do With Spring ('Words and Music'—Coward)....Noel Coward (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Scenes from "Shadow Play" (from "Tonight at 8.30"): Then; Play, Orchestra, Play; You were there....Gertrude Lawrence & Noel Coward accomp. by The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra.
Any Little Fish ('Cochran's 1931 Revue'—Coward)....Noel Coward (Vocal) with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
8.00 p.m.—Compositions of Wagner.
"The Flying Dutchman"—Overture....Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Tannhauser"—The Landgrave's Address; "Lohengrin"—The King's Address....Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.
The Spinning Song (from "The Flying Dutchman")....Eileen Joyce (Piano).
"Lohengrin"—Love Duet....Tiana Lemnitz and Torsten Ralf with Orchestra.
"The Valkyries"—The Ride of the Valkyries....Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.
"Tannhauser"—Pilgrims' Chorus; Procession of the Guests to Wartburg....State Opera Chorus and Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Light French Programme with Yvonne Printemps.

Fox-Trot—Ma Pomme; Slow Fox-Trot—Ah! Si Vous Connaissez Ma Poule....Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orch.
Waltz Songs from "The Three Waltzes" (Willemetz & Marchand)—Je T'Aime; Oul Je T'Aime O Paris....Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus.

Valse—Ma Banlieue (Revue "Féerie de Paris"); Java—Sous Les Bees De Gaz (Revue "Féerie de Paris")....L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra.
C'est La Saison D'Amour (from "The Three Waltzes")....Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra.
C'est Le Debut D'une Aventure (Mireille); Quand On A Mal Aux Dents (Mireille)....Pils et Tabet with Piano.

7.15 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Passing the Church; Lilac Flowers Mourn for Me (Zoltan); Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Sandor)....Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Blue Cornflower (Kadas); Tik Tak Tik Tak Ut Az Ora (Frigyes); Leanyok, Leanyok (Gyula)....Kalmér Pal (Vocal) with Magyar Imre & His Orchestra.
You Gave Me The First Kiss; In The Cafe with Glittering Mirrors....Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.
Fox-Trots—Villa; Rose Room....Artie Shaw & His Orchestra. Vocal—Three Wishes (from "The Good Companions")....Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—They Can't Black Out The Moon....New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Humorous—Bad Show Chaps (Western Bros.)....The Western Brothers with Piano. Polka—Beer Barrel Polka....Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Tango—South of the Border....Jack Harris & His Orchestra. Vocal—Follow The White Line (Burnaby & North); F. D. R. Jones (Rome)....Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys. Fox-Trot—Riding Down The Sunset Trail....Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Impersonations—Florence Desmond At A Rehearsal for The Troops....Florence Desmond with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Goodbye Sally....

The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. 8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"At The Black Dog".

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Local sports results.

9.32 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver at the Organ. Medley—Ca c'est Paris; Harbour Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; Boo-Hoo; Little old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue....Robinson Cleaver. Poet and Peasant (Suppe)....Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).
The Whistler & His Dog (Pryor)....Robinson Cleaver.

9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Poor Polly". A Sketch.

10.00 p.m.—More Variety Requests.

Marches—We'll Remember (Novello); Lords of the Air (North-Burnaby)....The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Vocal—When The Guards Go Marching By (Baker); When The Sergeant Major's On Parade (Longstaff)....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Male Quartet. Orch.—The Skaters—Waltz (Waldteufel)....Victor Silvester's Harmony—Music. Violin & Vocal—An Old Violin (Taylor & Fisher)....Albert Sandier and Olive Groves with Piano accomp. by Jean Melville. Orch.—Bolero (from the film Ravel)....Odeon Theatre Orchestra. Vocal—The Mounties (film "Rose Marie")....Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Orch.—La Palome (Yradier)....De Groot & His Orchestra. Vocal—Rose Marie (from the film)....Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. Orch.—Roses of Picardy ('Concert' Version—Haydn Wood)....Ray Ventura & His Collegians. Vocal—Indian Love Call (film "Rose Marie")....Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch. Instru.—Rustle of Spring (Sinding, Op. 32, No. 3)....Albert Sandier Trio. Vocal—Wanting You (film "The New Moon")....Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Piano. Orch.—Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss)....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski. Vocal—Tales from the Vienna Woods (from film "The Great Waltz")....Millza Korjus (Soprano) and Orchestra. Violin—Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler)....Joseph Szigetli (Violin) with Piano.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".
11.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Sing, Sing, Sing; Rhythm Saved the World....The Krakajax. Rumba—Nenita Mia....Fred Jackson & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—A Sweet Beginning Like This; The Piccolino....Fred Astaire with Leo Reisman & His Orchestra. Waltz—My Hawaiian Song of Love; Fox-Trot—Down in Walldid....Eddie's Hawaiian Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Night Time in Cairo; Midnight in Harlem....Eddie Carroll & His Swingphonic Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Roses in December (film "Life of the Party"); Old Pal Of Mine....Billy Thorburn & His Music. Tango—Havana Heaven; Rumba—Cuban Pete....Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra. Fox-Trots—To You, Sweetheart; I Was Saying to the Moon (film "Go West, Young Man")....Roy Fox & His Orch.

12.00 midnight—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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A GOOD LEAP

If your partner makes a weak bid to start with, any subsequent bids must of necessity be limited by the weakness previously shown. Hence, in to-day's hand Merwin Maier was able to drop the bidding at the safe contract of five hearts.

South, Dealer

♠ 10
♥ Q 8 7 4 3
♦ 9 6
♣ Q 9 7 5 2
♠ 8 7 4
♥ 9 6
♦ A J 10 8
♣ A 10 8 3
♠ A K Q J 5 3
♥ A K J 10 2
♦ 4
♣ K
Mr. Maier

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East and West cashed their two Aces and then led another diamond, whereupon Mr. Maier spread his hand.

This hand was the subject of our questions of the two preceding days. (See answer below to yesterday's question.) In the bidding as given, Mr. Maier had no real problem as to what to do after the jump to five hearts, since if

North had held an Ace, he would have found some means of showing it. As it was, North's bidding merely indicated a freak hand with very good heart support.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ x x
♥ Q x x x x
♦ x
♣ x x x x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five hearts. Having already shown nothing by your two notrump bid, you must make a stronger bid than a mere four hearts.

Score 100% for five hearts, 40% for four hearts (an underbid), 30% for six hearts (an overbid).

QUESTION NO. 407

Both sides are vulnerable. You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ x
♥ x x x
♦ A x x x
♣ K Q x x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone	You
1♥	2♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE 1940 RACING GUIDE

Following gives all placed ponies in every race, the distance, the time, won by, weight and jockey, and the figure AM1 denotes the first day of the Annual Meeting, 1st E, First Extra Meeting:

China Ponies

Half Mile:

1.05.3—Valorous (Treverton, 155); 2, Radium Star (Hoo Pak-ming, 168); 3, The Tigress (R. K. C. Chui, 168). 1½ and 1½. 2nd E.1.

½ Mile 170 Yards:

1.02.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 164); 2, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 3, White Diamond (Ph, 158). ½ and many. A.M.3.

1.04.3 (record)—Racylight (Moller, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, White Diamond (Ph, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.

1.04.3—Distinctive Time (Wei, 166); 2, Ronson (Poy, 154); 3, Eve of Folly (Davis, 140) and Gay Star (Hearne, 168). 6 and neck. 4th E.

1.11.2—Rose Evelyn (Treverton, 158); 2, Portrush (Yeung Wing-kwai, 151); 3, Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 150). 1½ and 2. 1st E.

1.12.0—Palmer (Wei, 153); 2, Lucky Eleven (Liang, 147); 3, Arabian Cat (Black, 150). ¾ and ½. A.M.5.

Six Furlongs:

1.21.2 (record)—Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 2, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Eve of Folly (Proulx, 158). 6 and many. A.M.4.

1.22.4 (record)—Spicylight (Moller, 161); 2, Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3, Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and ½. A.M.1.

1.23.1—Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 158); 2, Humdrum Eve (Ph, 151); 3, Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.

1.23.3—Dupont Bay (Black, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man-wa, 158) and White Diamond (Ph, 158). 2½ and dead heat. 1st E.

1.25.2—Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2, Oak Bay (Needa, 146); 3, Peaceful View (Ph, 158). 1½ and 1. A.M.2.

1.26.1—White Diamond (Ph, 158); 2, Hopeful Star (Hearne, 159); 3, Oonagh (Needa, 150). 4 and 2. 2nd E.2.

1.27.3—National Pride (H. M. Botelho, 138); 2, Boolat Bay (Gram, 168); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 158). Short head and 2. A.M.4.

1.28.0—Dupont Bay (Hearne, 168); 2, Rose Emily (Poy, 140); 3, Avon (Needa, 145). 3 and 2. 2nd E.1.

1.28.1—Galveston Bay (Hearne, 161); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 161); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 158). Short head and 6. 1st E.

1.29.3—Willynilly (Chiu, 142); 2, Smiling Time (Wei, 140); 3, Chatterbox (Encarnacao, 152). 2 and ½. A.M.5.

1.30.1—Clownner (Ip, 148) and Sylvandale (Hearne, 140); 3, Soldier of Britain (Fung, 168). Dead heat and 1½. A.M.4.

1.31.3—Smiling Time (Wei, 148); 2, Wilber (Chao, 152); 3, West Lake (Tao, 154). 2 and neck. 4th E.

1.31.4—Bressay (Hearne, 159); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 148); 3, Portrush (K. W. Fung, 158). 2 and 1½. A.M.5.

1.32.0—March Brown (Treverton, 151); 2, Geordie (Wood, 143); 3, Heddon (Chiu Ki-fan, 153). 4 and 2½. 4th E.

1.35.2—Blue Diamond (Wei, 145); 2, King Kong (H. M. Botelho, 150); 3, Lancashire Lass (Chao, 163). 2 and 1½. 2nd E.1.

1 Mile:

1.51.2 (record)—Burford (Ph, 161); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Hearne, 161). A.M.3.

1.52.4—Craigavad (Encarnacao, 163); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Black, 151). ¾ and ¾. A.M.5.

1.53.1—Clember (Chao, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, Johnber (Gram, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.4.

1.54.1—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 168); 2, Lilliber (Gram, 152); 3, Bear Claw (Black, 155). 2½ and 2. A.M.3.

1.54.3—Burford (Ph, 168) and Confusion Bay (Black, 158); 3, Mount Hope Bay (Proulx, 158). Dead heat and 3. 2nd E.2.

1.55.0—Humdrum Eve (Ph, 143); 2, Bear Claw (Hearne, 161); 3, Jobber (Chao, 151). 2 and neck. 4th E.

1.55.4—Jennifer (Needa, 161); 2, Peaceful View (Ph, 147); 3, King Kong (P. P. Botelho, 161) and Blue Diamond (Chao, 158). 1½ and 1½. 4th E.

1.59.0—Johnber (Chao, 153); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 150); 3, Oonagh (P. Botelho, 148). 1½ and 4. 2nd E.1.

2.01.0—King Kong (Chao, 159); 2, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 159); 3, Salvage Master (Pan, 150). 6 and many. A.M.4.

2.02.0—Musketeer (Liang, 157); 2, Celtic Star (Marshall, 163); 3, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 163). 4 and 2. A.M.2.

2.02.4—Gay Star (Needa, 159); 2, Hughber (Chao, 151); 3, Distinctive Time (Wei, 161). ½ and 2. 2nd E.2.

2.04.0—Guinness Time (Wei, 168); 2, Advancing Time (Chao, 151); 3, Laughing Girl (Liang, 158). 1 and 4. 2nd E.2.

2.09.2—Bogey (Chiu Ki Fan, 140); 2, Gog (Saddick, 161); 3, Valorous (Wood, 158). 4 and 1½. A.M.4.

2.15.3—Phoenix (Liang, 153) and Chatterbox (Black, 165); 3, This Time (Wei, 151). Dead heat and 2½. 2nd E.1.

2.18.0—Fei Ying (Wei, 148); Portrush (Needa, 158); 3, Double Chance (P. Botelho, 161). 1 and 2. 2nd E.1.

1 Mile 171 Yards:

2.06.1—Oonagh (P. Botelho, 158); 2, Johnber (Chao, 168); 3, Distinctive Time (Tao, 160). ¾ and short head. 3rd E.

2.06.4—Bear Claw (Black, 158); 2, Galaxy (Chao, 153); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 156). ¾ and ¾. A.M.5.

2.08.1—Jennifer (Marshall, 157); 2, Expansion Time (Wei, 151) and Potentate (Encarnacao, 157). 2 and dead heat. A.M.5.

2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3, Galveston Bay (Hearne, 168). Short head and short head. A.M.1.

2.12.2—O-Lan (P. Botelho, 163); 2, Rose Emily (Poy, 145); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 161). 3 and neck. 2nd E.2.

2.13.2—Jennifer (Black, 168); 2, Jobber (Chao, 154); 3, King Kong (H. M. Botelho, 161). Head and 2. 2nd E.2. Jennifer was disqualified for crossing and Peaceful View was awarded third place.

2.13.4—Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2, Guinness Time (Wei, 155); 3, Clownner (Ip, 140). Short head and 2½. A.M.1.

2.15.4—Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 2, Strathbannock (Black, 171); 3, Celtic Star (Marshall, 165). 3 and 3. A.M.3.

2.17.0—This Time (Wei, 140); 2, Night View (Ph, 163); 3, Some Hope (Hearne, 145). 1½ and short head. A.M.3.

2.18.4—Phoenix (Liang, 152); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 140); 3, Bressay (Hearne, 154). 5 and neck. A.M.3.

2.19.4—Chatterbox (Yeung Wing-kwai, 160); 2, Some Hope (Chiu Ki-fan, 148); 3, Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 150). 1½ and 1. 3rd E.

2.21.3—Portrush (S. W. Lee, 158); 2, Ascot Vale (Sequeira, 140); 3, Double Chance (Yeung Wing-kwai, 156). 1½ and 2. 3rd E.

2.25.1—Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 140); West Lake (Yeung Wing-kwai, 153); 3, Some Hope (Coppin, 153). Short head and 3. 2nd E.2.

1½ Miles:

2.20.4 (record)—Burford (Ph, 161); 2, Satinlight (Moller, 161); 3, Confusion Bay (Black, 161). 2 and 3. A.M.4.

2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2, Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3, Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and ½. A.M.2.

2.22.4—Clember (Chao, 168); 2, White Diamond (Ph, 158); 3, Eve of Reason (Black, 147). 6 and 3. 4th E.

2.24.4—Racylight (Moller, 160) and Gretber (Gram, 161); 3, For All Time (Wei, 161). Dead heat and 5. A.M.4.

2.24.1—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Gretber (Gram, 161); 3, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.

2.28.1—Hopeful Star (Hearne, 151); 2, Avon (Black, 140); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 157). Neck and ¼. 1st E.

2.28.1—Jobber (Chao, 154); 2, Peaceful View (Ph, 158); 3, Rose Jane (Poy, 140). 5 and short head. 1st E.

2.31.3—Just In Time (Wei, 158); 2, Galveston Bay (Needa, 149); 3, Boolat Bay (Black, 148). 3 and short head. 3rd E.

2.32.4—Advancing Time (Chao, 154); 2, Scenic View (Ph, 154); 3, Soldier of Britain (F. F. Li, 154). Many and neck. 3rd E.

2.48.4—Celtic Star (Tao, 155); 2, Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 3, Clownner (Ip Kuei-yang, 145). Short head and 2½. 2nd E.1.

1½ Miles:

2.50.4 (record)—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Burford (Ph, 161); 3, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). ½ and many. A.M.2.

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RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
ADVANCING TIME
MUSKETEER
ROSE EVELYN
Outsider:—Eve Of Dancing.

Race No. 2
ROWAN
CATTERICK BRIDGE
MAPLE STAR
Outsider:—Spring Shine.

Race No. 3
EVE OF REASON
GAY STAR
HUGHBER
Outsider:—Hillsboro Bay

Race No. 4
FAR VIEW
SAPPER
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
Outsider:—Contact

Race No. 5
SCENIC VIEW
CLOWNER
EVE OF HUNTING
Outsider:—Strathbannock

Race No. 6
SUNLIGHT VIEW
THIS TIME
WILBER
Outsider:—Willynilly

Race No. 7
CENTRE COURT
ROOFLY
TWILIGHT STAR
Outsider:—Ruby Star

Race No. 8
MARCH BROWN
GOLDEN COW
VALOROUS
Outsider:—Talkative

Race No. 9
SHUTTLECOCK
INCOME TAX
BROWN DERBY
Outsider:—Dick Turpin

DAILY DOUBLE—SCENIC VIEW
AND CENTRE COURT.

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"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C. (57) v Recreio "A" (76)
Indian R.C. (64) v Kowloon B.G.C. (64)
Police R.C. (66) v Civil Service (63)
Recreio "B" (62) v Kowloon Docks R.C. (62)
Craigengower (—) v *H.K. Football Club (—)

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon B.G.C. (65) v Craigengower (44)
Kowloon Football Club (76) v Kowloon Tong R.C. (61)
*Recreio (—) v Police R.C. (—)
Civil Service (—) v *Hong Kong C.C. (—)
*Kowloon C.C. (—) v Talkoo R.C. (—)

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon Football Club (61) v Hong Kong Electric R.C. ... (57)
*Hong Kong C.C. (—) v Prison O.C. (—)
Craigengower (66) v H.K. Football Club (55)
Kowloon B.G.C. (—) v *Indian R.C. (—)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last year.
* Newcomers to this division.

LAWN BOWLS

K.C.C. NOT EXPECTED TO SPOIL CHAMPIONS' RECORD

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH I AM not going to say that it is easy to forecast the results of to-day's matches, for it never is, I think that the First Division programme is what might be termed ordinary.

The best game in this division should be that between Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio, at Cox's Road. The former do not seem to be quite as strong as hitherto and I cannot foresee to-day's line-up being formidable enough to achieve what no-one has done for some 30 games.

The next game on the list is between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Indians at Sookunpoo. There is little indication of form, of course, but I think that the Kowloon team is the better balanced and in spite of the return of M. R. Abbas, may win by a small margin.

CAREY AVAILABLE

Police did well at Hung Hom last week and with green advantage should make the Civil Servants fight every inch. Joe Carey is available but the visitors will again be

without Arthur Grimmitt and on account of the disruption in the side caused thereby, I favour Police to win.

Club de Recreio's "B" team seems to be stronger than it was last season but the return of Johnny Brown to the Dock side, adds backbone, and they should be able to do a little better than last year, when a tie eventuated.

Craigengower, at home, should have little difficulty in getting the better of their neighbours, Hong Kong Football Club. Joe Leonard is available this week and it is to be hoped he can play every Saturday.

SECOND DIVISION

In Second Division, quite an interesting list of matches is down for decision. At the top of the list is the game between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Craigengower. This is to take place at Austin Road, where to-day's visitors lost fairly heavily last season. I do not think there will be a different result to-day, for although the home team may not be stronger than last year, I do not imagine that the visitors are quite as strong as they were.

Kowloon Football Club make their first appearance when they meet Kowloon Tong at Chathan Road. Here again I can see nothing but a repetition of last year's result, a win for the footballers, whose line-up I must admit is not at full strength.

Neither Club de Recreio nor the Police have yet played so there is still less indication of form than there is in the case of other matches. The Portuguese boys proved themselves well above Third Division class last year, when they earned promotion to this division and so with ground in their favour I will venture to tip them to win.

H.K.C.C. DEBUT

Hong Kong Cricket Club make their debut as the guests of the Civil Servants and a very even game should be seen. The home-sters, lost away from home last week, but the advantage of playing in home surroundings may enable them to rob the visitors of the initial win which would be so encouraging.

Cricket Club's team does not look very well balanced and much depends on whether the very strong four skipped by Archbutt can carry the loss which I think one of the other rinks must suffer.

THIRD DIVISION

Talkoo having overcome what must have appeared a big obstacle at Craigengower, will go to Cox's Road full of confidence and I think it will be fully justified.

Kowloon Football Club have a double-header, the Electricians providing the opposition for their second team: they had a win last Saturday and will be expected to repeat this to-day. Cricket Club juniors, like their elder brethren, are to make their debut and receive the Prison Officers at Chater Road. There should not be much in it but experience may well turn the scales in favour of the visitors.

Craigengower may follow up last Saturday's success by beating Hong Kong Football Club, whilst the Kowloon Bowling Green Club should be able to account for the Indians at Austin Road.

In a five-game friendly ten-pins match held at Hong Kong Bowling Alley on Thursday night the Dare Devils beat U.S.S. Asheville by 3,111 points to 2,940.

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1 1/4 Miles:—
3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2, Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3, Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 159). Neck and many. A.M.1.

Australian Ponies

0.59.4—Happy Landings (Davis, 150); 2, Flying Dutchman (Needa, 159); 3, Derby Day (Tang, 140). Short head and short head. 4th E.

1/2 Mile 170 Yards:—
1.00.2—Conniebar (Gram, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 3/4 and 1 1/2. A.M.5.

1.00.3—Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 2, Spring Shine (Chao, 152); 3, Princess Claro (Liang, 152). 6 and 3. A.M.3.

1.01.0—Flying Dutchman (Needa, 152) and Sparrow (Chao, 153); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). Dead heat and short head. A.M.3.

1.03.0—Many Thanks (Davis, 143); 2, Franklin (Needa, 140); 3, Fair Chance (Proulx, 149). 2 and short head. 2nd E.2.

Six Furlongs:—
1.16.2—Far View (Pih, 155); 2, Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 6 and 4. A.M.1.

1.17.2—Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2, Criffel (Needa, 150); 3, Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.

1.17.3—Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155); 2, Pumpnickel (Proulx, 152); 3, Derby Day (Chao, 155). Neck and 2 1/2. A.M.3.

1.17.4—Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2, Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3, Lucky

Lady (Needa, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.1.

1.17.4—Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Contact (Davis, 152); 3, Viceroy (Chao, 155). 3 and 1. A.M.1.

1.17.4—Many Thanks (Davis, 165); 2, Franklin (Liang, 159); 3, Fair Chance (Proulx, 157). 2 and 2. 3rd E.

1.19.2—Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 138); 2, Heinz (Davis, 135); 3, Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.

1.21.4—Bruno (Treverton, 160); 2, Perola d'Oriente (Wei, 152); 3, Violet Queen (Chao, 157). 1 1/2 and 1 1/2. 2nd E.2.

1.26.1—Springhurst (Poy, 152); 2, Australian Prince (Ip Kul-ying, 152); 3, Tarzan (H. M. Botelho, 140). 2 and 2. 2nd E.1.

7 Furlongs 49 Yards:—
1.38.1—Ajax (Liang, 150); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 145); 3, Pumpnickel (Proulx, 155). Short head and short head. A.M.4.

1 Mile:—
1.44.3—Devonlar (Black, 150); 2, Tornado Star (Proulx, 162); 3, Triumphant Day (H. M. Botelho, 140). 3 and 1 1/2. 1st E.

1.44.4—Courtney Eve (Pih, 147); 2, Chiltern (Encarnacao, 155) and Tornado Star (Proulx, 153). 2 and dead heat. A.M.4.

1.45.3—Vanity Fair (Ip Kul-ying, 155); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Princess Claro (Liang, 153). 3 and 2. 1st E.

1.45.3—Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 2, A Great Time (Tao, 158); 3, Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155). 4 and 2. 3rd E.

1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Busylight (H. M.



Botelho, 147). 6 and 1 1/2. A.M.2.

1.47.2—A Roaring Time (Wei, 158); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 152); 3, Pumpnickel (Proulx, 151). 2 and 2. 1st E.

1.47.4—Twilight Star (Hearne, 154); 2, Violet Queen (Chao, 155); 3, Discovery Bay (Wei, 150). 2 and short head. A.M.5.

1.47.4—Albury (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155); 3, Maple Star (Tao, 154). 3 and 3. 1st E.

1.48.1—Lucky Lady (Hearne, 155) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 155); 3, Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.

1.48.3—Shuttlecock (Hearne, 146); 2, Piccadilly Jim (Poy, 155); 3, Income Tax (Liang, 155). 1 1/2 and 1 1/2. 3rd E.

1.54.4—Many Thanks (Davis, 145); 2, Lucky Lady (Needa, 153); 3, Rowan (Hearne, 146). Neck and 6. 2nd E.1.

Many Thanks was disqualified and Flying Dutchman (P. Botelho, 152) was given third place.

1 Mile 171 Yards:—
1.58.2—Fair Chance (Proulx, 162); Rowan (Hearne, 162); Income Tax (Liang, 153). 3 and 2. 4th E.

1.59.3—Sapper (Davis, 160); 2, Far View (Pih, 165); Sparrow (Yuen, 147). Neck and many. 2nd E.1.

1.59.4—Franklin (Needa, 165); 2, Roofly (Davis, 155); 3, Twilight Star (Hearne, 158). 4 and 3. 4th E.

1/4 Miles:—
2.10.4—Far View (Pih, 155); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 155); 3, Sapper (Encarnacao, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.5.

2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2, Baffin

TO-DAY'S CHARITY SOCCER

A charity football match between members of Chinese banks and Foreign banks is being held at Caroline Hill this afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The entire proceeds are to be donated to the Friends of the Chinese Wounded Soldiers fund.

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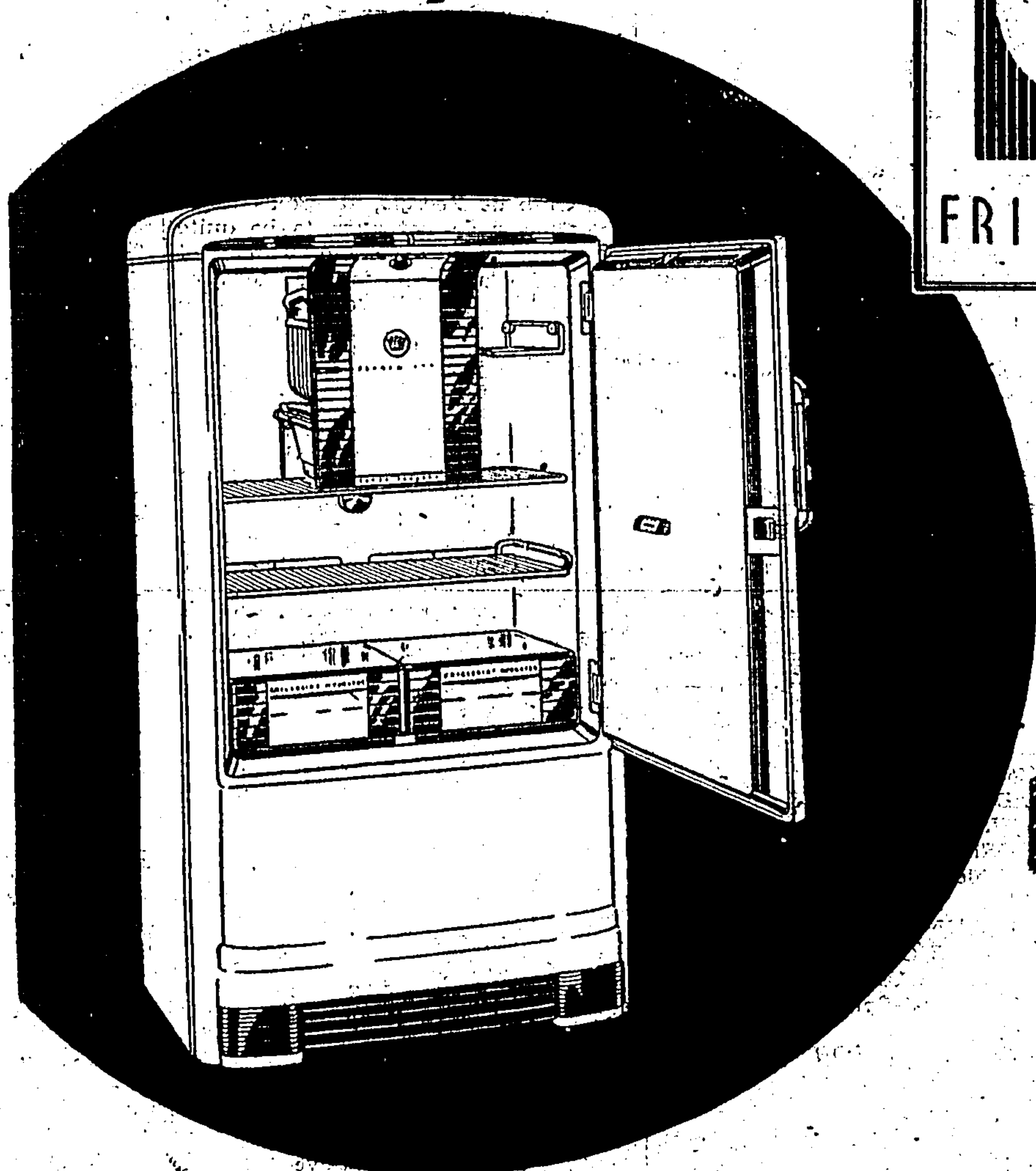
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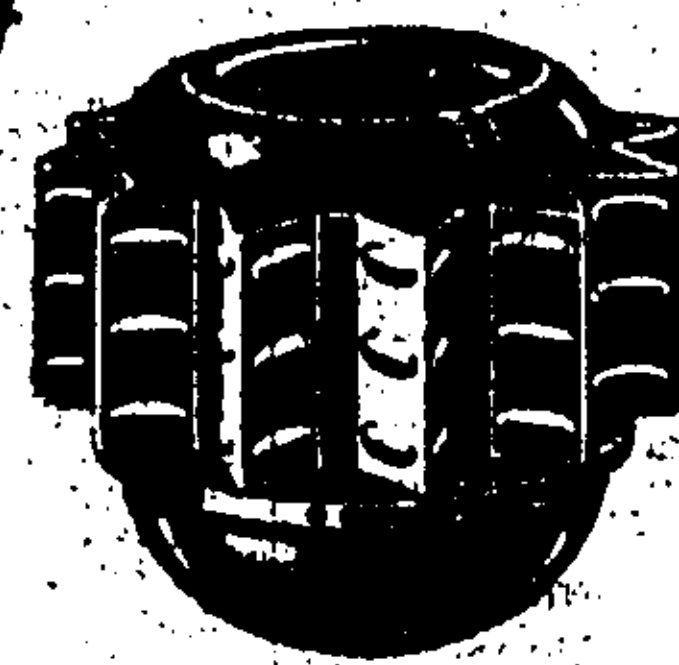
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The latest German stroke, apart from questions of general morality, hits hard and in a personal sense many prominent Americans of Dutch ancestry, as for instance, President Roosevelt and Senator Vandenberg.

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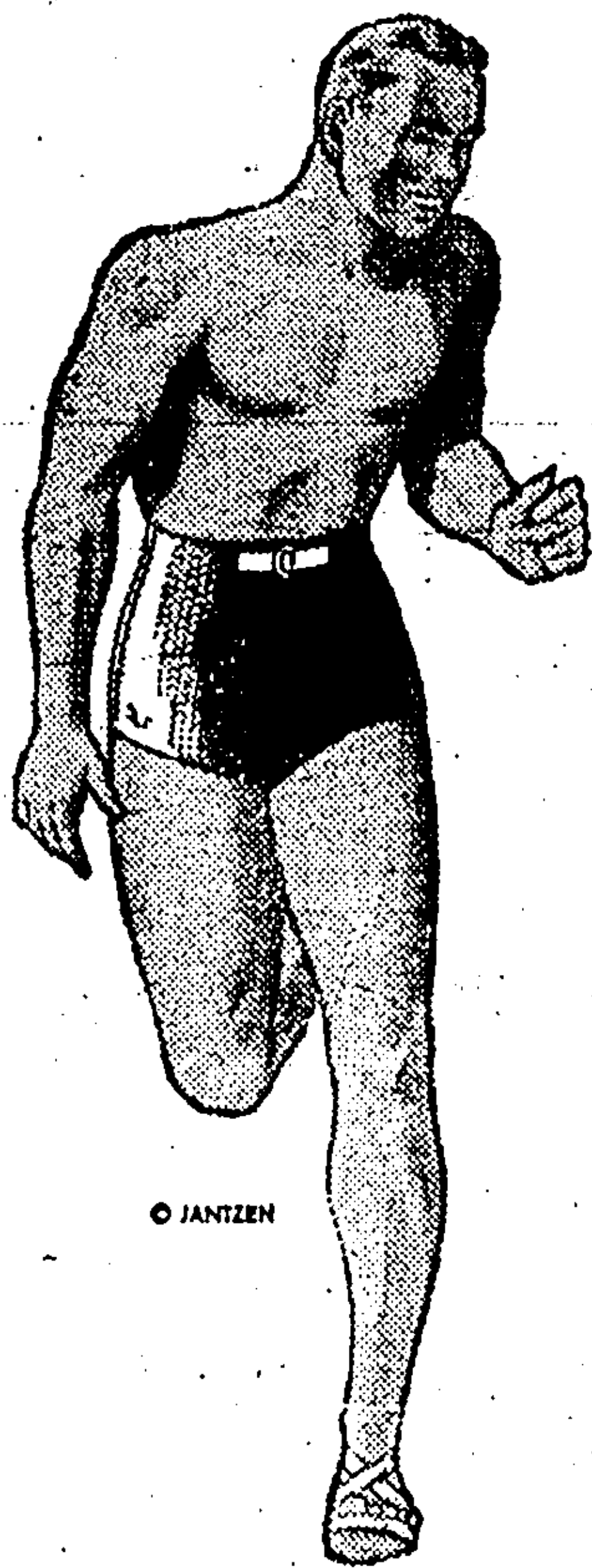
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In Holland, hundreds of British fighters are challenging the German bombing squadrons, and squadrons of Bristol Blenheims are co-operating with the Dutch land forces in bombing the German lines of communications, and attacking the German concentrations struggling to manoeuvre in the Dutch border zones.

The feeling in all the Allied countries is that the situation is well under control.

Nowhere has the German blitzkrieg onslaught succeeded.

The Nazi land forces have been brought to a standstill at the prepared defence positions, the air force is being challenged at all points and Nazi air losses already are estimated to exceed 150 machines.

Meantime, the British Expeditionary Force is rapidly swinging through Belgium to take up position alongside the Belgian Army.

British staff officers have flown to Holland to confer on the question of where Allied military assistance can most effectively be applied.

By this afternoon it is expected that joint Anglo-French-Belgian forces will be in contact with the Germans along the length of the Belgian frontier zone.

SCATHING REPLY TO HITLER

London, To-day.

The Belgian Ambassador and Dutch Minister spoke over the B.B.C. last night.

They referred in scathing terms to the violation of the neutrality of their countries and expressed the absolute determination of their peoples to fight side by side with the Allies for a just and righteous peace.

The Belgian Ambassador referred to the ordeal of his country during the last war and said they had emerged victorious, as they will emerge victoriously on this occasion.

The Dutch Minister said his country had always triumphed over the invader.—Reuter.

Heavy Raids

Early this morning, heavy raids were again carried out by German planes at various points along the lines of communication between France and Belgium, and several furious dog-fights have taken place.

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Consequently any intervention of third powers is being declined by the Netherlands Government.

The Netherlands Indies, Surinam, and Curacao form, according to the Dutch constitution, as well as the Netherlands in Europe, separate parts of the Kingdom, so that the occupation of a larger or smaller area of one of those parts has no legal consequences affecting the other parts.

In the Netherlands Overseas Territories measures have been taken to prohibit commercial and financial relations with the area occupied by Germany in the European Nether-

lands.

The Act concerning the Transfer of the Seats of Limited Liability Companies has come into force.

The Legations and Consulates of the Netherlands, anywhere except in Germany and non-Netherlands territories occupied by that country, will continue to function normally, even should the entire Kingdom in Europe be occupied.

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Sir John Simon may go to the House of Lords.—Reuter.

GERMANS GIVE THEIR ACCOUNT OF OPERATIONS

Berlin, To-day.

A GERMAN NEWS AGENCY statement says: "At dawn yesterday the German air force started an attack in the west with strong units and landed numerous units on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes."

"The aerodromes and their surroundings fell into German hands in a short time."

"Aerodromes in east and central France were attacked by surprise by German bombers which destroyed the aerodromes and aeroplanes and caused considerable fires."

"The aerodromes at St. Omer, Vitry-Le-Francois and Metz were destroyed. German air attacks were extended to Dutch and Belgian military objectives as the Belgian Government had called British and French troops into the country and the Dutch Government had declared a state of war between Holland and Germany."

"During these attacks the aerodromes at Antwerp and Brussels were successfully bombed."

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High Command Communique

Berlin, To-day.

A High Command communique announced yesterday afternoon: "German troops crossed the Dutch, Luxemburg and Belgian frontiers at 5.30 a.m. Enemy resistance was broken everywhere energetically, often in close co-operation with the air force."

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Official Claim

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It is officially claimed that German troops crossed the southern tip of Holland's "appendix" and seized the town of Maasricht.

Nazi troops crossed the Meuse at several points and occupied bridges on the Albert Canal.—Reuter.

PEIPING BLACK-OUT

Peiping, To-day.

The entire city was blacked out last night for the first day of three-day air defence exercises.

Special measures are being taken to control lights while certain measures are also being taken to control traffic in connection with the sounding of air-raid alarms.

A.R.P. drill is also being held in towns along the various Japanese-controlled railways in North China.

To-day, practice measures for combating gas attacks and incendiary bombs will be rehearsed together with first-aid drill.

Only official cars will be allowed to traverse the city streets to-night. The practice is being held under the supervision of the Commandant of the Japanese garrison in Peiping.

As activities of the Chinese air force in North China are practically nil and the Japanese having complete mastery of the air, the reason for the exercises is slightly obscure.—Reuter.

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He will represent the British and world press until arrangements have been completed for a general body of correspondents to report the campaign from the British side.

Major Watson will transmit despatches under the signature "Eyewitness." These despatches will be made available to all newspapers and agencies, British and foreign.

It will be recalled that at the beginning of the war, for reporting the activities of the British army in France, another member of Reuter's staff similarly represented the world press.—Reuter.

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Up to 6 p.m. yesterday, 18 German machines had been brought down in Belgium.

Some 2,000 "Quislings" have been arrested.—Reuter.



When the Canadian Pacific Railroad pushed its way westward, the outraged Indians launched a reign of terror on the primitive frontier. Only the famous Mounties were there to battle the ferocious redmen, as told in the exciting screen adventure, "Susannah of the Mounties," starring Shirley Temple (below, right), Randolph Scott and Margaret Lockwood (left) are featured in the 20th Century-Fox film opening at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

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Berlin, To-day.
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Civilian Centres In France Bombed

Paris, To-day.
Numerous casualties resulted from yesterday's Nazi air raids over various parts of the country, particularly north and north-east France and the Loire and Champagne districts, but material damage was relatively small.

Bombs were dropped not only on aerodromes, railway stations, workshops and mines but on purely civilian centres.

Among the places attacked were Bethune, Choques, Lene, Dunkirk, Nancy, Hazebrouck, Calais, Abbeville and Albert. — Reuter.

WARNING TO BRITISH CIVILIANS

London, To-day.
FRESH INSTRUCTIONS to Britain's civilian population were issued yesterday, as a result of the invasion of the Lowlands.

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LUXEMBURG ASKS AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
It is officially announced that the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has requested French air in face of the German aggression. France has informed the Grand Duchy that she will be extending all assistance in her power.

The tiny Dutchy population of which is only 300,000, possesses for its protection only 225 gendarmes and 170 soldiers.—Havas.

French Reply

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French charge d'affaires in Luxembourg told the French Government that the German army had violated the territory of the Grand Duchy in contempt for the promise from the Reich to respect Luxembourg.

Crowds of civilians greeted the troops with evident joy, pelting them with flowers and running alongside the troop-laden lorries offering the men bottles of beer.

As they moved off the men waved heartily to the French people, who turned up their thumbs to indicate that all is well with the British Army.

FRENCH QUICKLY OFF MARK

Paris, To-day.
M. Reynaud, broadcasting last night, said:

"French troops crossed the frontier into Belgium between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. to-day."

He added: "Hitler has dropped the mask. Now it is France's turn to show the way with her troops and planes."

"Everyone is ready to do his duty. France has drawn her sword." — Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The suddenness of the German onslaught has certainly not caught the Army napping.

The arrival of the British Expeditionary Force at the Belgian frontier was an impressive sight.

Long columns of lorries, tanks, armoured cars, motorcars and motorcycles moved forward in a steady stream.

The men looked bronzed and fit and ready for anything.

The call to action has undoubtedly proved a psychological tonic to the troops, who had been kept on the alert since war began.

Under an almost cloudless blue sky British troops have gone quickly and efficiently to help their new ally.

Belgian civilians in gratitude lined the roadside and raised their hats and cheered, while women blew kisses to the passing soldiers.—Reuter.

HOME OFFICE WARNING

London, To-day.
The Home Office announces that in the last 24 hours many Germans have landed in Belgium and Holland by parachute from aircraft and in a number of cases they have been wearing uniforms calculated to deceive observers into thinking they were friendly.

The public will be wondering how they can best assist the authorities if the enemy should attempt to land troops in this country by parachute.

The best way the ordinary citizen can help is by keeping watch and, if he observes such an attempt, to report it immediately to the nearest police station which will communicate with the military authorities.

If any such attempts are made they are most likely during the hours of black-out. — Reuter.

DUTCH RESOURCES IN COMMON CAUSE

London, To-day.
Broadcasting from London last night, Herr van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said: "Our country has a vast empire overseas and considerable resources."

"These resources we now put at the disposal of our common cause—the destruction of the German spirit of wanton aggression."

"I can assure you Holland will continue to fight until together we have won." — Reuter.

GAMELIN'S ORDER OF THE DAY

Paris, To-day.
General Gamelin has issued the following Order of the Day to his troops:—

"The attack which we have foreseen since last October was launched this morning. Germany is engaging in a war to the death against us."

"The password for France and her Allies is this:—

"Courage, energy, confidence." — Reuter.

MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, To-day.
The Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff and the more important members of the Cabinet met President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday.

It is believed they discussed measures to ensure American non-involvement in the European war.

Most of the Cabinet members arrived showing signs of a sleepless night.

Little work was being done in Washington yesterday morning. Crowds gathered round every loud-speaker to hear the latest war bulletins.

Officials are keeping a close watch on events in the Far East, especially the Netherlands East Indies.

President Roosevelt is being praised in many quarters for his decision to retain the Fleet at Hawaii, a decision for which he was personally responsible.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.
The Dutch Minister, in a statement to Reuter, declared: "By invading my country Germany has outdone herself as a civilised nation."

"The American people is intelligent enough to draw their own conclusions and will not be taken in by the usual German lies and these cowardly means of warfare."—Reuter.

New York, To-day.
President Roosevelt's order "freezing" Belgium and Holland's assets in the United States, which order means that the Germans cannot get at them, affected over £20,000,000. Most of Holland's gold was already in the United States and the rest had been sent France.—Reuter.

INSURANCE RATES DOUBLED

London, To-day.
London underwriters have doubled the existing insurance rates of ships sailing to Belgium and Holland. For ships sailing through the Mediterranean or the Black Sea, the rate is increased 100 per cent from 80 per cent.—Reuter.

DUTCH OPEN DYKES

Water Playing Important Part In Defence

BIG CENTRES CUT OFF FROM EAST

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE BIG PART WHICH WATER IS PLAYING IN HOLLAND'S DEFENCE SYSTEM IS DISCLOSED IN DETAILS ISSUED HERE LAST NIGHT.

The main inundation aims at cutting off Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and other big centres from the east. The invaders will have to fight their way through a series of subsidiary lines even before they reach the flooded territory.

Along the frontier a system of local inundations and cleverly placed defence posts constitutes the first obstacle.

Strongest point is just north of Nijmegen, which guards the approaches to the narrowest part of the semi-circular Zee line which connects the Zuider Zee with the mouth of the Meuse.

The intricate system of dykes and canals is being manipulated with extraordinary speed and low-lying fields have disappeared below the rising tide of the waters, leaving gaunt trees and isolated and deserted villages.

Booby Traps

Canals disappear and form booby traps.

There is no cover. The whole eastern fringe of the waterline consists of higher ground, so that it is impossible for the enemy to let the water out.

The line has been modernised with a comprehensive system of fortifications behind it.

Other defences consist of innocent looking huts which really are machine-gun nests.—Reuter.

German Troops Held

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 The Dutch news agency in a broadcast says Dutch troops destroyed bridges across the rivers Meuse and Yssel.

BOMBS ON SWISS STATION

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BERNE, TO-DAY.
 THE SWISS GENERAL STAFF ANNOUNCES THAT A FOREIGN PLANE DROPPED FOUR BOMBS ON THE RAILWAY AT DELEMONT. AN ENQUIRY IS BEING MADE.

The railway was damaged and one track blocked to traffic.

The Federal Council has ordered general mobilisation for this morning, at 9 o'clock, to face any eventuality or threat.

The Federal Council has withdrawn all visas given abroad by Swiss consuls.

Control of traffic on the German and French frontiers is being reinforced.—Havas.

AIR ATTACHE'S ESCAPE

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 THE BRITISH AIR ATTACHE AT THE HAGUE WAS NEARLY KILLED BY A BOMB WHICH FELL NEAR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

Military circles state that about 200 German parachutists in British uniforms landed at The Hague airport.

Hilversum radio announced that the Dutch Foreign Minister and Colonies Minister left for London to contact the Allies.

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In only one section of the town of Arnhem, at a distance of nine miles from the Dutch-German frontier, have Nazi troops reached the Yssel.

German parachutist troops have been surrounded and are being annihilated.—Reuter.

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Amsterdam, To-day.

The second communique of the Netherlands Army yesterday reported that at least 70 German planes had been shot down in various parts of the country, both bombers and those trying to land troops.

Four German armoured trains had been successfully attacked, the communique continued, one being blown up at Venloo.

Netherlands troops are putting up a stiff resistance on the Yssel and Maas Rivers. Small German concentrations in the country itself are trying to maintain themselves against strong opposition.

The Germans are shielding behind prisoners of war, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

Dutch Defences Hold

The Hague, To-day.

A Dutch army communique says notwithstanding fierce German attacks, Delfzijl is still in our hands. An armoured train destroyed near Venlo was blown up together with the railway bridge.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING NOT SURPRISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.
 Politicians here were not surprised by the German aggression on Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg which they consider as a logical sequel to the Scandinavian campaign, as the German tactics appear to be to launch successive "blitzkrieg" in various parts of Europe to take the Allies unawares and divide their efforts as much as possible.

Military action in the Balkans is expected here in the immediate future.

Following the German aggression on Holland, politicians here wonder whether Japan will be taking the opportunity to invade the Dutch East Indies.—Havas.

other Nazi bombers were sighted on one bombing raid over Holland.—Havas.

HOLLAND'S DEFENCES



In this map the heavy arrows point to the main lines in the Dutch water defence system.

BELGIANS CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE AT ALL POINTS

London, To-day.

The Defence Minister, General Denis, in the Belgian Chamber, stated that the German bombings of Belgian aerodromes were not successful as Belgian planes had been taken from the aerodromes several hours before the attacks were launched.

General Denis stated that the German advance was checked at all points.

All defence preparations were now working perfectly and the first hours of the war justified every hope of its successful further prosecution.

The results counted on by the aggressor, said Lieut.-General Denis, have not been accomplished and we can claim our first success.

"The way in which the Allied intervention is being undertaken is most encouraging.

"The Army will fight to the end to show itself worthy of 1914."

The Chamber adjourned an historic session to cries of "Long Live the King."—Reuter.

Nazi Planes Shot Down

Brussels, To-day.

A communique issued by the National Defence Ministry announces that at least eight, and probably nine, German planes were shot down by Belgian fighters and anti-aircraft defences.—Reuter.

37 Killed In Brussels Raid

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively learned in London that 37 were killed and 61 wounded in the German air attack on Brussels aerodrome and district.

The German troops' attack has been held at every point.—Reuter.

Held Up At Line Of Demolitions

Brussels, To-day.

A Belgian communique yesterday morning stated that the Germans were being held up successfully at the line of demolitions.—Reuter.

LEON DEGRELLE ARRESTED

Brussels, To-day.
 Leon Degrelle, the leader of the Belgian Rexist (Fascist) Party, and Declercq, leader of the Flemish Nationalist Party, were arrested yesterday.

Two Flemish Nationalist deputies, Tollenare and Grammens, are also reported to have been arrested.—Reuter.

SWEDISH CABINET IN LONG SESSION

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Cabinet held a very long session early yesterday morning.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Latest reports reaching London indicate that the British occupation of Iceland met with no resistance and the operation was carried out according to plan.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL THE NEW PREMIER

Mr. Chamberlain Agrees To Serve Under Him

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM 10 DOWNING STREET, THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, STATES THAT MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNED THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER AND FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY LAST EVENING.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the announcement adds, has accepted His Majesty's invitation to fill the position.

The announcement followed an audience granted by the King at Buckingham Palace to Mr. Chamberlain shortly after 5 o'clock last evening.

Five minutes after Mr. Chamberlain had left the Palace, Mr. Churchill was received by the King.

It is officially announced that the Prime Minister was to broadcast at 8 o'clock (G.M.T.) last night.

The Prime Minister desires that all Ministers should remain at their posts and discharge their functions with full freedom and responsibilities while the necessary arrangements for the formation of a new administration are made.

Meanwhile, the following statement was issued following yesterday's meeting of the Labour Party executive at Bournemouth:—

"The National Executive of the Labour Party has unanimously decided to take their share of responsibility as a full partner in a new Government under a new Prime Minister who would command the confidence of the nation."

Directly the decision was reached, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Party, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, returned to London and called at No. 10 Downing Street.—Reuter.

American Approval

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's resignation and the choice of Mr. Churchill as successor are widely welcomed here where it has long been felt, rightly or wrongly, that the Allied war effort could not attain its drive under the old leadership.—Reuter.

New Members Of French War Cabinet

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that M. Reynaud has reconstructed his Cabinet, taking into it representatives of all political parties.

A communique states that M. Louis Marin, ex-Minister, and President of the Republican Federation, and M. Ybarne Garay, Vice-President of the French Social Party, have entered the Government in the capacity of Ministers of State and will be members of the War Cabinet.—Reuter.

MARKING DOWN OF PRICES ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday there was a widespread marking down of prices as a precautionary measure but actual selling was negligible. Gilt-edged and foreign securities naturally received the most drastic cuts.

Indian loans partially recovered from earlier setbacks while in other directions Kaffirs showed good resistance to the general downtrend.

The opening of the Stock Exchange on Monday (General bank holiday) is welcomed by the members.

Wall Street was irregular but later rallied.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET CHANGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, is expected to include in his cabinet personalities which will give the Government the national character demanded by the circumstances.

M. Reynaud is now engaged in conferences and consultations with prominent members of parliament.—Havas.

NAZI SHIPS SEIZED

Singapore, To-day.

Nineteen German ships which took refuge in the Netherlands East Indies when war broke out last September have been seized. Their crews have been interned.

This followed the proclamation by the Governor earlier that a state of war existed.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP TELLS THE SAME STUPID STORY

Berlin, To-day.

JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, Nazi Foreign Minister, made a statement to the German and foreign press yesterday morning.

"The Reich Government," he said, "knew yesterday morning that Great Britain had told the Belgian and Dutch Governments that a landing of British troops on Belgian and Dutch soil was imminent."

"Britain and France have dropped the mask. After the failure in Norway the alarm was given in the Mediterranean in order to veil their true aim—an attack on the Ruhr district of Germany through Belgium and Holland."

"The Fuehrer was not willing to expose the Ruhr to another Franco-British aggression. He therefore decided to protect the neutrality of Belgium and Holland against the Franco-British aggressors."

"The German army will now speak to Britain and France in the only language their rulers seem to understand and settle them once and for all."—Reuter.

WHAT ITALY IS TOLD

Rome, To-day.

Special editions of the noon-day Italian press appeared on the streets at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, giving the German propaganda version of the attack on the Lowlands.

The Italian people are told that Germany has again beaten the Allies to the objective. Some papers go so far as to claim that the Germans are holding Brussels and that a British Expeditionary Force has been in Holland since last Sunday night!—Reuter.

Asked whether the "combat area restrictions" under the Neutrality Act might be extended to include the Dutch West or Dutch East Indies, the President replied that no such change was at present contemplated.—Reuter.

AMERICA AND DUTCH COLONIES

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull indicated yesterday afternoon that consultations will be held with the South American Republics concerning the status of the Dutch possessions in the Western Hemisphere, although the matter had not yet reached that stage.

He added that no effort had been made in conference with the Netherlands Ambassador to reach any decisions in regard to the Dutch West Indies.

President Roosevelt said that the situation in Holland and Belgium spoke for itself.

He was full of sympathy with the "very excellent" proclamation of the Queen of the Netherlands.

Referring to the possible effects of the invasion of the Low Countries on the United States, President Roosevelt said: "A great many things are being studied."

Replying to questions, he said the German pledge at the outbreak of war not to bomb open unfortified towns was being considered in the light of reported raids on such

BELGIUM NOT CAUGHT UNPREPARED

Brussels, To-day.

"The invasion has not found us unprepared," declared the Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, in a statement to the Chamber yesterday.

"For the second time in 25 years Germany has shown how much respect she attaches to her own signature."

"At our first appeal France and Britain offered us their help."

"All Belgians, particularly veterans of the last war, pay homage to the valiant Belgian army. The whole country must be united."

The entire Chamber rose and cheered when M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, who followed, said that Britain and France had replied immediately to Belgium's request for help.

When M. Spaak turned towards the Diplomatic Gallery, where the British and French Ambassadors were sitting, the cheering was redoubled.—Reuter.

MORALE EXCELLENT

London, To-day.

It was learned authoritatively late yesterday afternoon that the bombing of Brussels in the early morning lasted an hour and a half.

Since then absolute calm has reigned, the population being cheerful and full of confidence in the Allies.

Their morale is good and the anger against the Germans is strong.

Damage by German bombers was slight, a few houses being hit in the city and one factory set on fire at Scharbeck, outside the city.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI COUP FOILED

Shanghai, To-day.

An attempt was made by four armed men to capture a motor-van containing some \$1,000,000 which was being conveyed to the bank.

A gun fight occurred between the Indian guards and the men one of whom was arrested.

A Japanese customs employee, an Indian guard and a Chinese pedestrian were wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

FRANCE GIVES DUE WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister announces that the French Government, in the answer given to President Roosevelt on September 1, 1939, assured him the French air force had been ordered to refrain from bombing civil populations and to limit bombings to military objectives.

The French Government now wishes publicly to proclaim that they reserve the right to resort to any action they consider appropriate in the case of civilian populations being bombed by the Germans either in France or Britain or in countries assisted by France. —Havas

SEVERE PUNISHMENT OF NAZI RAIDERS ON R.A.F. BASE: MANY SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY that quick and severe punishment met squadrons of German aircraft which yesterday made their first attempt to bomb aerodromes and other objectives in the zone of the advanced striking force of the R.A.F. in France.

The main attack occurred soon after dawn and its effective frustration was due to the smooth and rapid co-operation between the British and French air arms and ground defences.

No serious damage or casualties were reported from any of the R.A.F. aerodromes. Many bombs were dropped but were mainly of small size.

During various engagements five Dorniers were shot down and another four so broken with machine-gun fire, with members of the crew killed or wounded, that it is unlikely they were able to return to their home stations.

French fighter patrols were also equally successful and claim a total of six "killed."—Reuter.

18 Nazi Bombers Downed

Paris, To-day.

The French shot down at least 18 German bombers during yesterday morning's air raids over France.

At Lyons, 15 people were killed and 30 injured in the raids. A block of flats was destroyed and a number of workers' homes hit.

At Nancy, 16 were killed and 30 injured, mainly civilians.

German planes were over Paris for two hours in the morning and met with intense anti-aircraft fire. They dropped no bombs, but there were a few casualties from shrapnel.

One report states that Calais was bombed.

Over Paris, four planes flew so low that the Swastika design could be picked out on the fuselages.—Reuter.

Casualties In Many French Towns

London, To-day.

Reports from the British Embassy in Paris show that casualties were suffered at most of those French towns which have already been bombed.

At Nancy, a garrison town, about 16 were killed and 30 injured; they were mainly civilians.

Paris was raided and there was intense anti-aircraft fire. There were some casualties in the capital from shrapnel but no bombs were dropped, according to latest reports.

Reports reaching authoritative military circles in London state about 200 parachutists in British uniforms landed at the airport of The Hague. Others in Dutch uniforms descended at Dordrecht.

Calais Bombings

There are reports that the aerodrome at Calais and some of the aerodromes occupied by the R.A.F. in Northern France were bombed.

It is also stated the Dutch Frisian Islands were bombed and that parachutists landed there.

It is understood that as far as can be ascertained, the places which have been bombed in Northern France can be regarded—though in some cases by a stretch of the imagination—as military objectives.—Reuter.

British Planes Attack German Troops

London, To-day.

Royal Air Force planes have played a prominent part in the events of the last 24 hours.

The headquarters of the British Air Force in France announces that in the course of yesterday's operations, the R.A.F. had been continuously in action.

Our reconnaissance aircraft have been operating over a wide area.

Enemy troops have been attacked by our bomber squadrons.

Wherever German bombers have been encountered, our fighters have engaged them.

The reports indicate that in the course of their combats, many enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Several of our aerodromes have been bombed. Little material damage has been done and no lives have been lost.—Reuter.

Stout Resistance By Dutch Air Force

London, To-day.

More news is trickling in from the Lowlands about the air raids.

Antwerp was attacked by 40 bombers and the Belgian Embassy in Paris says that a military hospital was destroyed.

In southern Belgium, a railway station 25 miles south-east of Namur was bombed in the morning and it is said to be in flames.

There is little fresh news from Holland, but a Brussels report states that the Dutch air force is putting up a stout resistance. Every precaution is being taken in both countries to prevent sabotage from behind the defence lines.—Reuter.

U.S. TO BUILD MORE "FLYING FORTRESSES"

Washington, To-day.

Owing to what is considered the impressive showing of air power in Norway, the United States Air Department intends to seek a special grant of 500 new four-engined "Flying Fortresses" costing £80,000 each, according to the "New York Times."—Reuter.

BELGIAN CHAMBER GRANTS FULL POWERS

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies has given full powers to the Government by vote of 154 to 1, with no absences.

Lieutenant-General Henri Denis, Minister of National Defence, told the Chamber that the Nazi advance was halted at all points. All defence preparations were working perfectly and the first hours of the war had justified every hope that it could be prosecuted satisfactorily.

The bombing of Belgian aerodromes had not succeeded; for the Belgian planes had been removed some hours before the raids. Only one or two planes had been destroyed and a few others had been damaged.—Reuter.

AND SO DOES BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The British Government proclaims they reserve to themselves the right to take any action they think appropriate in the event of bombing by the enemy of civilian populations, whether in the United Kingdom or France or in countries assisted by the United Kingdom.

A communique to this effect, in similar terms to the French statement issued earlier in the afternoon, was issued by the Foreign Office last evening.—Reuter.

PROCLAMATION TO PEOPLE OF NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Jonkheer de Greef, has issued the following proclamation to the nation.

"The Government ask the population to keep calm and remain indoors if possible, and to continue their usual occupations.

"The population are urged to obey all regulations laid down for observation in the event of air raids.

"The consumption of alcohol is forbidden temporarily.

"No information must be given to the enemy and no work done for him. The enemy has no right to compel you to do this.

Be Confident

"The population are also urged not to try and reach friends and relatives in other parts of Holland, otherwise they may become involved in the fighting.

"Remain at home and be confident the Dutch army will protect you.

"It is no longer permitted to listen to the German radio programmes. Belgian, English and French programmes, including news bulletins, may, however, be listened to.

"The utmost economy must be observed in the use of gas and electricity. Public amusements are closed until further notice."—Reuter.

SWISS WARNED TO BE READY

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND BROADCAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON ALL NATIONAL STATIONS CALLING ON THE COUNTRY TO KEEP CALM BUT WARNING THE PEOPLE THAT THE SITUATION WAS DANGEROUS.

The war has seized upon new and pitiful victims, he said. Three friendly countries have been dragged into the war.

Switzerland is at present still safe, but he emphasized that the situation created by the invasion of the Lowlands was serious.

"We must be ready," he said.

The entry of foreigners would be more strictly watched, passenger and goods traffic would be strictly controlled and the Swiss army on the frontiers would be placed on a war footing the next day (Saturday).

"You will understand and appreciate these precautions," he said.

"They are absolutely indispensable. The troops will do their duty, whatever happens, and the civilians will do theirs."—Reuter.

DUTCH CHAMBER MEETING

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Parliament met in short session yesterday afternoon.

The President of the Second Chamber declared the Netherlands, which everywhere was known as a nation that promotes peace, was attacked with merciless violence.

"We protest this atrocity. The army and navy will resist with fearless courage."—Reuter.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF DAY'S DRAMATIC EVENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE chronological order of events in Belgium and Holland yesterday.

First the Brussels radio calmly reported that bomb attacks had been launched on the city.

At 5.20 Nazi planes appeared over Brussels and were fired on.

At 5.30 a.m. a large number of planes were seen over The Hague and the Dutch A.A. defence went into action.

At 6 a.m. the first Nazi parachute troops were found in several localities in the heart of Belgium between Nivelles and Strond.

At 8 a.m. the radio broadcast orders to all citizens of military age to rejoin their units immediately.

After receiving the Nazi Note, King Leopold granted an audience to the Premier and Foreign Minister.

The Premier later told the press that Belgium had been attacked and that in reply to a request for aid, the Allies were doing all they could.

STRICT ACTION

Very strict action has been taken all over the country to prevent German action from the inside. All Germans residing in Brussels have been arrested.

King Leopold, like his father before him in 1914, has taken command of the armed forces.—Havas.

First News Of Crisis

Amsterdam, To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent says that the first news of the crisis came half an hour after midnight yesterday when it became known that telegraph as well telephone communications had been interrupted.

At 2.45 a.m., residents were awakened by heavy anti-aircraft fire. Looking from windows, people saw a single German bomber flying high, brilliantly illuminated by a dozen of searchlights. Shells flashed round it but it disappeared out of range. Afterwards shooting continued all night.

From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. there were continual salvoes as German bombers flew over the city in groups of three, five, ten or more.

At one time fire was drowned by heavy explosions.

It was stated that the Schiphol Aerodrome was being blown up. Now and then there was a roar as a Dutch fighter zoomed up to keep German planes from the centre of the city.

Good Information

Soon after dawn the radio announced that a series of landings by German parachutists, and the whereabouts of various German bomber formations, showing that the information organisation was working most efficiently.

News from Belgium that Holland had appealed to the Allies and that the Dutch had given the invaders a determined answer caused the atmosphere to change miraculously. The British and French shook hands with the Dutchmen they met in the streets.

The coolness of the People is astonishing.

The usual flood of cyclists streamed the roads going to work as usual, only pausing to by special editions of newspapers.—Reuter.

Land Attack At 3 a.m.

London, To-day.

The Nazi attack on the Lowlands was launched on the land frontier at about 3 a.m. At the same time, German planes carried out attacks on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes and on Allied aerodromes in France.

Among the places attacked are Brussels and Amsterdam. Bombs were dropped on the towns themselves, causing some casualties. In the raids

on aerodromes in France, there were some casualties at Lyons and Nancy.—Reuter.

AN ASTOUNDING ROTTERDAM STORY

London, To-day.

AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT reports that the Germans landed a number of troops in Rotterdam after almost completely destroying the flying-field and aerodrome near the city.

Dutch troops are holding the right bank of the river, which the Germans have been unable to cross. The Germans are holding the left bank and have also landed at other points on the same side.

The correspondent reports heavy fighting within the city. Barricades have been set up in the city, even tramcars being used.—Reuter.

NO GERMAN WALK-OVER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ANKARA NEWSPAPER "ULUS" COMMENTS: "NORWAY IS A VICTIM OF LACK OF PRECAUTIONS BUT IT WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE ALLIES WHO RAINED WARNINGS ON HER, SHE, HOWEVER, LET HERSELF BE DECEIVED BY GERMANY'S LYING AND SOOTHING WORDS."

All nations in the regions where war may spread should draw a lesson. They must take precautions.

"The war in Norway proved that nations which defend liberty can count upon the support of the Allies but the Allies are not miracle workers. They cannot be expected to restore life to those who commit suicide."

SWISS COMMENT

The Berne newspaper "Der Bund" states: "It is unlikely that the Germans will have a walk-over."

The moment chosen indicates the Germans hoped to exploit the uncertain situation in Britain but it is more likely that the situation there was quickly consolidated.

It is now proved that Britain was wise not to dissipate the forces.—Reuter.

ATTACK FIRST: ULTIMATUM AFTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

It was only after the Nazis had actually attacked Belgium that the German Ambassador handed the Belgian Foreign Minister an ultimatum declaring Germany was "compelled to secure by arms the neutrality of the Low Countries because these countries were ready to allow the passage of Allied troops."

M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, protested against this second violation in 25 years of Belgian neutrality, and said the present case was worse than that of 1914.

M. Spaak told the Nazi envoy Belgium would resist with all means in her power.—Havas.

UNITED STATES AND THE WAR: NO CHANGE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday told pressmen he saw no change "with respect to the possibilities of the United States keeping out of the war."—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY IN FAR EAST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONCERN OVER THE MANIFESTATIONS OF BRITISH POLICY IN THE FAR EAST WAS EXPRESSED BY MISS FRY WHEN MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RECEIVED A DEPUTATION OF THE CHINA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler reaffirmed there had been no change to the Government's Far Eastern policy which would continue to be guided by the Nine Power Treaty and in the light of their obligations.

He added the Government would continue to recognise the Government at Chungking as China's National Government. They did not contemplate the recognition of Wang Chingwei or any other government.

Regarding the Tientsin silver, Mr. Butler said negotiations were pending in consultation with the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

WEEK-END BASEBALL

By "Grandstand"

Interest appears to be flying high in anticipation of the 1940 pennant race.

Two friendly tilts are slated for the week-end with U.S.S. Mindanao playing in a double header. To-day at 3 p.m. the American blue-jackets cross bats with H. B. on the Caroline Hill Naval ground. To-morrow at 10.30 a.m. on the same ground, Mindanao will tangle with Abe Liu's Chung Hwa.

The Chasemen will all be out for all they are worth in to-day's encounter to avenge two defeats. Last season at the hands of the Leonardmen, who were then playing under the flag of Beer Baron Chet Bennett of U.B.

Poochie Chase is depending on his three Chuckers, Tony Muscavage, Muddy Ruel and Red Keplinger, while mentor Dave Leonard is counting on his heavy sluggers and tight fielding to bring home the bacon.

I understand that Chung Hwa will have their full team out to-morrow against the Miny boys and a close battle is anticipated.

PACQUES WINS OGBOURNE PLATE

London, To-day.—At Newbury, Pacques, half-brother of Pasch, owned by Mr. Harry Morris and ridden by Gordon Richards, won the Ogbourne Plate over one mile, beating the French challenger, Pharatis, which started at evens, by three lengths.

Pacques was second favourite at 11/8.—Reuter.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
ADVANCING TIME
MUSKETEER
ROSE EVELYN
Outsider:—Eve Of Dancing

Race No. 2
ROWAN
CATTERICK BRIDGE
MAPLE STAR
Outsider:—Spring Shine

Race No. 3
EVE OF REASON
GAY STAR
HUGHBER
Outsider:—Hillaboro Bay

Race No. 4
FAR VIEW
SAPPER
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
Outsider:—Contact

Race No. 5
SCENIC VIEW
CLOWNER
EVE OF HUNTING
Outsider:—Strathbannock

Race No. 6
SUNLIGHT VIEW
THIS TIME
WILBER
Outsider:—Willynilly

Race No. 7
CENTRE COURT
ROOIFLY
TWILIGHT STAR
Outsider:—Ruby Star

Race No. 8
MARCH BROWN
GOLDEN COW
VALOROUS
Outsider:—Talkative

Race No. 9
SHUTTLECOCK
INCOME TAX
BROWN DERBY
Outsider:—Dick Turpin

DAILY DOUBLE:—SCENIC VIEW
AND CENTRE COURT.

HOUR HAS COME WHEN WE SHALL BE PUT TO THE TEST

—MR. CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, WHO LAST NIGHT RESIGNED THE PREMIERSHIP, BROADCAST TO THE COUNTRY, SAYING: "EARLY THIS MORNING, WITHOUT WARNING OR EXCUSE, HITLER ADDED ANOTHER TO THE HORRIBLE CRIMES WHICH HAVE ALREADY DISGRACED HIS NAME BY HIS SUDDEN ATTACK ON HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG.

"In all history no other man has been responsible for such hideous total human suffering and misery as he.

"He has chosen a moment when perhaps it seemed to him that this country was entangled in the throes of a political crisis and when he might find it divided against itself.

"If he has counted on our internal differences to help him, he has miscalculated the mind of this people.

"I am not now going to make any comment on the debate in the Commons which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday last, but when it was over I had no doubt in my mind that some new and drastic action must be taken if confidence was to be restored to the Commons and the war carried on with the vigour and energy which are essential to victory.

"What was that action to be?

"It was clear that at this critical moment in the war what was needed was the formation of a government which would include members of the Labour and Liberal oppositions and thus present a united front to the enemy.

My Duty Plain

"What had to be ascertained was the conditions which would be necessary to enable such a united government to be formed, and to this question I devoted myself with the assistance of some of my colleagues yesterday afternoon.

"By the afternoon of to-day it was apparent that essential unity could be secured under another Prime Minister though not under myself.

"In those circumstances my duty was plain. I sought an audience of the King this evening and tendered to him my resignation, which His Majesty has been pleased to accept.

"His Majesty has now entrusted to my friend and colleague, Mr. Winston Churchill, the task of forming a new administration on a national basis, and in this task no doubt he will be successful.

In War Cabinet

"For this purpose my other colleagues in the Government have intimated to me that they will place their resignations in Mr. Churchill's hands but they will of course retain their present offices pending the appointment of a new Government.

"I should perhaps say Mr. Churchill has expressed to me his strong desire that I should be a member of the War Cabinet, and I have told him I will gladly give him any assistance I can in that capacity.

"Now, as this is my last message to you from No. 10 Downing Street, there are one or two things I should like to say to you.

"During the period, it is almost three years, I have been Prime Minister, I have borne a heavy load of anxiety and responsibility.



"As long as I believed there was a chance for preserving peace honourably, I strove to take it. When the last hope vanished and war could no longer be avoided, I strove equally hard to wage it with all my might.

"Perhaps you will remember in my broadcast on September 3 I told you we should be fighting against evil things.

Words Insufficient

"My words proved to be insufficient to describe the villainess of those who have now staked everything on the great battle just beginning.

"Perhaps it may at least be some relief to know that this battle, though it may last for days, even weeks, has ended the period of waiting uncertainty.

"For the hour has come when we are to be put to the test, as the innocent people of Holland, Belgium and France are beginning to be tested already, and you and I must rally behind our new leader and, with united strength and with unshakable courage, fight and work until this wild beast that has sprung upon us out of his lair, be finally disarmed and overthrown."—Reuter.

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[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]
London, To-day.

The Admiralty has issued a categorical denial of the report attributed to Madrid Radio that the Navy has closed the Mediterranean at Gibraltar.—Havas.

AN ELECTRIC SHOCK FOR U.S.

Washington, To-day.

Within 12 hours of the German invasion of the Low Countries it was already apparent that the new aggression had made a profound impression in the United States.

The latest German stroke, apart from questions of general morality, hits hard and in a personal sense many prominent Americans of Dutch ancestry, as for instance, President Roosevelt and Senator Vandenberg.

Moreover, the fact that none have striven harder to maintain impartial neutrality than Belgium and Holland, has brought home with the swiftness of an electric shock the ruthlessness of Germany's war and political machine.—Reuter.